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ANDOVER HIGH

Administration backs down: Wheels of Justice to roll Jan. 5

By April Guilmet

Just days into the new year, the Wheels of Justice tour will again stop in Andover. This time the group will be permitted to speak.

Teacher's union president and Andover High social studies teacher Tom Meyers confirmed on Tuesday that the group would

return to the high school on Jan. 5. Last week, after *Townsman* deadline, Principal Peter Anderson issued a statement that the administration would allow the controversial group to visit the school.

"My goal has been to ensure that the presentation of the information resulted in a positive learning experience for our students," Anderson wrote. His plan, he said, is to allow Wheels of Justice to appear and to later welcome other speakers presenting different viewpoints regarding the conflict in the Middle East.

"Both of these presentations will be preceded by a presentation on the First Amendment," he added. Anderson did not return phone calls.

Meyers said he did not believe any other forums had been scheduled yet, adding that Anderson would schedule them.

"But from what I understand, it will be someone with an alternative view from Wheels of Justice," Meyers said.

"I speak for myself and the other teachers: we're very happy that administration is allowing speakers to come in the same format we'd originally scheduled them for," he added, stating that

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Group plans to pay for two artificial fields at Andover High School
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MAGIC OF THE SEASON



Kylie Moynihan, 11, picks out a Christmas tree at the Andover Youth Services tree lot behind West Middle School on Saturday. Although some generators for powering the lights were stolen from the lot two weeks ago, sales have remained strong. For more on the investigation, see page 5.

Town seal for all vehicles

Selectmen still considering parking some take-home cars

By Brian Messenger

By next week all town-issued vehicles will be sporting the official Andover seal.

But selectmen are seeing to it that Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski's draft for a new town vehicle-use policy won't go unmarked either.

Board members Alex Vispoli and Mary Lyman have been gathering data from other municipalities to compare Andover's current vehicle policy with similar communities.

By giving the policy, adopted in the mid 1990s, a thorough examination, the two selectmen hope to introduce an updated version that will outline in greater detail the rules and regulations associated with driving town-issued vehicles. Selectmen could decide to provide fewer

take-home vehicles. Seventeen town employees have been issued take-home vehicles, with four permitted for both personal and business use. The rest of the take-home vehicles can be used for commuting and business-related travel only.

"To me, the biggest thing I'm looking for is a reduction in energy usage as well as a reduction in capital costs by purchasing fewer vehicles," said Lyman. "We're looking at information from more towns to support making some more change."

Over the summer, selectmen first targeted change to potentially reduce the town's vehicle-use related costs, which include fueling, insurance, maintenance and replacement.

In the 12 months between

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Glass half full:

Despite plant upgrades, water bills do not rise



Paul Hinds, a water treatment plant operator, watches over the controls at the Robert E. McQuade Water Treatment Plant on Lowell Street.

By Brian Messenger

For nearly 15 years, the more things have changed at the Robert E. McQuade Water Treatment Plant, the more the town's water rate has stayed the same.

The plant has seen its share of changes since being built in 1972. Last year, an 18-month project was completed to upgrade the ozone system used to treat the town's water supply. Now, a \$6.5 million filter renovation and expansion project is approaching the halfway mark.

"This is a very old plant. It's 1970s vintage, but it's in good condition and it's got a good capacity," said Plant Superintendent John Polano. "Just about everything in this plant has been upgraded in the last 10 years."

While two surrounding communities, Lawrence and Methuen, have recently wrestled with increasing water rates to avoid departmental budget deficits, Andover's rate has been locked at \$2.52 per 100 cubic feet (about 750 gallons)

NO RISING TIDE

The last time the town raised the cost of its water to residents was 1993, when the price jumped 19 cents to \$2.52. The cost of water has stayed the same. Here's how other costs have changed since fiscal year 1994.

	FY '94	FY '07	INCREASE
Water rate	\$2.52	\$2.52	None
Sewer rate	\$1.98	\$3.09	56 percent
Ave. tax bill	\$3,403	\$6,664	96 percent

WATER AND SEWER RATES PER 100 CUBIC FEET

SOURCES: ANNUAL FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS, SELECTMEN'S MEETING

since 1993.

According to information provided by the consulting engineering group Tighe & Bond, the town's average residential water bill is lower than five of Andover's seven bordering towns. At

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IN BRIEF

PAST AND PRESENT



At the corner of North Street and River Road from 1835-1947 was the North District School. Later the building, shown in the top photo above, was used by West Andover Community Association. It was demolished in 1984. The bottom photo shows the same general area today.

Andover wants towns to fight together for more state education aid

Having met with the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, Andover School Committee members now hope to schedule a meeting with other local communities to help mobilize the push to increase educational funding in the area.

The Andover School Committee, state legislators and Andover selectmen met Monday, Dec. 11 to talk about the issue.

Selectman Chairman Alex Vispoli, who urged Sil-

berstein to try and get Andover to host the event, said most area communities are in need of the additional funds and rely too heavily on property taxes to provide for their school system's budgets.

"We're all in the same boat," Vispoli said. "It shouldn't be hard to mobilize towns."

"The challenge here seems like one of organization," he said.

— Brian Messenger

Lowell Junction development talks

Representatives from Andover, Tewksbury and Wilmington plan to talk about the future of development in the Lowell Junction area at the Tewksbury library today, Thursday, at 8 a.m.

With plans moving forward on a new Interstate 93 interchange, the development of more than 300 acres of land on both sides of the interstate highway will be discussed.

The Cecil Group was awarded the contract to design a master plan for the area, and will oversee zoning, land usage, and job-creation issues, as well as other aspects of potential economic growth.

"There's no question," said selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli, "from a revenue perspective, that's an untapped resource."

— Brian Messenger

Police explorers host open house Dec. 16

On Saturday, Dec. 16, from 1 to 3 p.m., the Andover Police Department will host an open house for young men and women between the ages of 14 and 21 who are interested in joining Explorer Post 220. Program advisers will be on hand to answer questions regarding the Explorer program.

Created in 1998, the program is designed to give Andover's youth a look at a career in law enforcement. Members participate in police training, personal wellness, character-building, and decision-making activities. For more information, contact Officer Chuck Edgerly at 978-475-0411 Ext 3016, or e-mail cedg@andoverps.net.

Mailing overseas

The coming days are a busy time for mailing international and military parcels and packages. Residents are advised that most Global Express Guaranteed International Mail packages should be mailed by Dec. 19 to be delivered by Dec. 25.

Quote, unquote . . .

TIME HAS BEEN OF THE ESSENCE for the last six months. That's nothing new.

— Larry Larsen, on the Andover Youth Foundation running out of time to gather the necessary information to make it likely that there will be a youth center article at April Town Meeting. (Story, page 4)

THE BEST THING to do is to get an internship, and learn from the best of the best.

— Chloe Sempere, an Andover High School senior doing an internship with a glass blower. (Story in Arts, page 13)

WE'RE SO EXCITED to be hitting that mark. Not many shows out there have been able to do that.

— Andover resident and new Chronicle anchor Shayna Seymour about preparing for the 25th anniversary show. (Story in Townspeople, page 21)

News Calendar

Thursday, Dec. 14

Coalition for Education, school administration building, second floor conference room, 7:30 a.m.

Council on Aging, senior center, 8 a.m.

Triad, senior center, 9:30 a.m.

School Facilities Task Force, Town Offices, third floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 18

Board of Selectmen representatives, Tewksbury library, 8 a.m.

Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, third floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 19

School Committee, school administration building, School Committee room, executive session, collective bargaining, 6:30 p.m.

Conservation Commission, Town Offices, third floor conference room, 7:45 p.m.

Inaugural party

Gov.-elect Deval Patrick's North Shore inaugural reception is tentatively slated for Merrimack College on Friday, Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20.

Wednesday, Dec. 20

Recycling Committee, Town Offices, second floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 28

Housing Trust Fund Board, Town Offices, second floor conference room, 4:30 p.m.

Disability Commission, Memorial Hall Library, activity room, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 4

School Committee, School Administration Building, School Committee room, executive session, collective bargaining, 7 a.m.

School Committee, School Administration Building, School Committee room, executive session, collective bargaining, 3:30 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, the Hall, regular monthly meeting and deliberation, 7 p.m.

Dog licenses

Dog license renewal notices will be sent to resident dog owners the week of Dec. 18. The cost of a dog license for 2007 is \$14 per license.

Dog licenses should be renewed during the month of January. Any dog licensed after February will include a cumulative administrative fee of \$5 per month.

Residents with questions, can call the town clerk's office at 978-623-8257.

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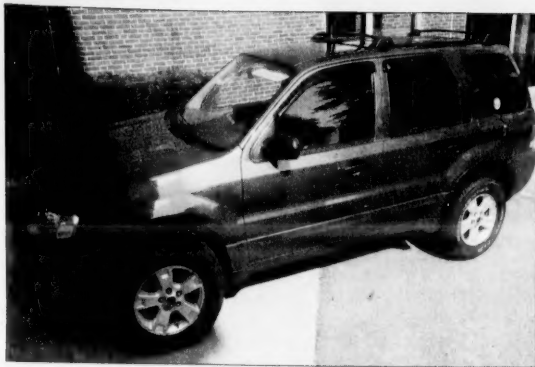
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Currently, town employees in 17 positions are given take-home vehicles, but selectmen are considering changing that.

Policy change

TOWN VEHICLE

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December 2004 and November 2005, the town paid \$27,000 to fuel the 17 take-home vehicles, which were driven a total of 247,583 miles. Drivers used 14,576 gallons of gas. Gas is purchased by the town at a discounted wholesale price, according to Plant and Facilities Director Joe Piantadosi.

"Generally, the people who have the vehicles are on 24-hour duty," said Stapczynski. These employees, in case of an emergency, must respond at any time, and that's why they've been given a vehicle, he said.

The decision to require a seal on all town vehicles came in September, according to Stapczynski. About a dozen vehicles are still without them, he said.

Stapczynski wrote a five-page draft policy updating and expanding the current policy in late August, after Lyman and Vispoli began looking into making changes to it before eventually deciding to obtain additional data as they moved forward in evaluating current guidelines.

"As far as I know it's on their plate and they're working on it,"

said Stapczynski.

The town manager said that while the current policy may not be a long one, it clearly states what Andover's employees can and can't do when using town-issued vehicles.

"It was not extensive. It was very simple. It was not multiple pages long," he said of the current policy. "What the selectmen wanted was something with more detail."

But Stapczynski believes the current policy is well in line with other communities already.

"I think we're about the same as other cities and towns," he said. "And I know that over the years we have reduced the [number of] vehicles."

Stapczynski said that while police cruisers were once handed down and used for various purposes such as inspection vehicles, they're now sold on the market, with the fleet being reduced as a result. The town has also placed limits on the number of vehicles given to the police and fire departments, he said.

"You're talking about responsible adults here," Stapczynski said. "I think they have, on the main, taken the responsibility of having a municipal vehicle to

Man accused of stealing \$423K from league

By Brian Messenger

An Andover resident was indicted Wednesday by a Middlesex grand jury in connection with the theft of more than \$400,000 from the Youth Baseball League of Tewksbury.

Wilfred Daley, 58, of 9 Fiske St., the former president of the Youth Baseball League, allegedly stole \$423,000 in league funds by writing checks to himself from the organization's account and through usage of the league's debit card, according to District Attorney

Martha Coakley's office on Wednesday.

Daley has been charged with two counts of larceny over \$250.

Authorities believe the money was taken between 2002 and 2006, the years Daley served as league president.

The indictment is the result of a nearly eight-month investigation by both the Tewksbury Police Department and the Middlesex District Attorney's Office, according to Coakley's office.

Authorities began the investi-

gation after seeking a subpoena of the league's financial documents. The subpoena was ordered by police after they received a complaint from a vendor who had not been paid, according to Coakley's office.

Lt. Rob Stevens of the Tewksbury Police Department was unavailable for comment before *Townsmen* press time.

An attempt to contact Daley was unsuccessful, as his home phone line was out of service. Calls to the Tewksbury Recreation Department and Tewks-

bury High School athletic director were also not successful.

The allegation shocked some local sports supporters.

"Anyone who works with kids in the public should be trustworthy," said Andover High School Co-Athletic Director Dave Nichols, who said he did not know Daley. "It [the alleged crime] is sad."

According to a representative from the Middlesex District Attorney's office, a court arraignment for Daley has not yet been scheduled.

YOUTH CENTER

Town Meeting vote in jeopardy

Traffic study still not completed; town officials must review plans

By Brian Messenger

As the Jan. 19 deadline to submit a warrant article for April's Town Meeting looms, the Andover Youth Foundation has yet to complete a traffic study required by the town.

The private foundation needs town approval to build the center at a new site, behind Doherty Middle School. But town and school officials will not support the move until they receive information, including the traffic study.

Initially planned for September, the traffic study was delayed because the proposed center's architectural site plans had not been completed. With these preliminary site plans now ready, it could be another month before the traffic study is complete, throwing the idea of a 2007 April Town Meeting vote into question.

"It's going to be pretty tight," said AYF member Bob McQuade. "A decision hasn't been made whether we go with this to Town Meeting."

The traffic study, which is being conducted by consulting engineers Vanasse & Associates Inc., will need to be reviewed by the Planning Board, according to McQuade.

Additionally, selectmen must approve the building proposal, which would place a town youth center on what is now a parking lot behind Doherty Middle School. Because the land is currently owned by the Andover school department, the site would also have

to be transferred to the town by the School Committee.

Two public hearings on the proposal, also originally planned for September, have not yet been scheduled.

AYF President Larry Larsen said he expects the group, which has spearheaded planning and fundraising for the youth center project, to meet within the next two weeks to go over its game plan for the coming months.

"Time has been of the essence for the last six months," said Larsen. "That's nothing new."

Town Meeting must approve the usage of town-owned land for the purpose of housing a youth center.

If AYF is unable to make the deadline for submitting a warrant article, McQuade said the second option is for AYF to pursue a Special Town Meeting by collecting 200 signatures.

"It's taken them quite a while to get to this point," said Selectman John Hess, a member of the youth center subcommittee. "If there's any Town Meeting action needed, we'd need to know that by the end of January. I'm concerned about the time line at this point."

Other members of the youth center subcommittee include Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, selectman Brian Major, Andover Community Services Director Mary Donohue, Andover Youth Foundation Director Jerry Silverman and Senior Center

Director Kathy Urquhart.

"There is quite a bit of work to do," said Stapczynski. "Thirty days seems like a short period of time, but they've been through this before. And I'm confident that they know what they have to do."

Ken Cram of Vanasse & Associates, who is involved with the traffic study, said work began on it last week.

Under scrutiny will be "on-site flow, parking, and the entrances and exits off of Bartlett and Chestnut streets," said Cram.

Vanasse & Associates also conducted traffic studies for the youth center's previously proposed location in West Andover, and for the proposed and rejected new senior center site immediately to the south of Doherty Middle School on Bartlett Street.

AYF could not use information gathered for the senior center site because there are differences between how the sites would be used. Also, traffic is now one-way behind the school going from Whittier Street to Bartlett Street, said McQuade.

AYF has raised approximately \$3.5 million already, said Silverman, and to complete the project, "we'll probably have to double that."

As progress on the current site proposal is made, fundraising activities for the youth center should pick up, he said.

"It definitely will have to," Silverman said. "If we get the approval of both the School Committee and selectmen before Town Meeting, we will start the campaign."

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Theft not stopping youth services from generating sales

Police still investigating

By Brian Messenger
and Colin Steele

Some generous donors have brightened up the holidays for Andover Youth Services – literally.

After thieves stole three town-owned generators used to light Youth Services' annual Christmas tree sale, the organization received two donated generators to keep the fundraiser up and running.

Youth Services hopes to raise \$30,000 this year to support after-school programs and buy gifts for needy children.

Youth Services has received extra support from customers since the theft has occurred. Several have told Assistant Director

Glenn Wilson they bought their trees specifically from the organization because they heard about the theft.

"We're doing great," he said. "This past weekend, we sold a ton of trees."

Although the thieves left one generator behind – enough to power just one set of lights – Director Bill Fahey had feared that a dimly lit lot would attract fewer nighttime customers. But Youth Services had the donated generators up and running within days of the theft.

"We found a way to improvise and overcome," Wilson said. "We're not going to let a couple of idiots ruin our Christmas."

Police said they were still investigating the theft.

"We are talking to some people who may have some information," said Lt. Jim Hashem.

"The way in which the theft occurred, it appeared ... someone had some detailed knowledge of what was there and what they were taking."

Hashem said there was no surveillance tape of the incident and that cameras behind West Middle School had not assisted in the investigation.

"It appears to have been more than one person," he said.

"Obviously, somebody was prepared for what they found down there."

Plant and Facilities Director Joe Piantedosi estimated each generator to weigh between 80 and 125 pounds.

"They're pretty heavy machines," he said. "It would probably take two adults to lift one and put it into a vehicle."

Piantedosi said there wasn't any money reserved in his



Raymond Rodriguez, 18, pulls a Christmas tree through a tree wrapper at the Andover Youth Services tree lot behind West Middle School.

department's budget to replace the generators, but the town will replace at least one of them because they're typically used for both routine and emergency work.

"We're in the process of trying to do that," Piantedosi said.

"We have our fingers crossed," that they'd be recovered by police eventually, he said.

The tree lot is open daily at the skate park behind West Middle School, from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. on weekdays and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on weekends. Wreaths and other decorations are also

for sale.

A Youth Services employee noticed the missing generators when he opened the lot for business around 3 p.m. on Nov. 29.

Someone had cut through the skate park's chain-link fence overnight to enter the lot and steal the generators, which cost more than \$8,000, as well as tools and an unspecified amount of cash.



In photo at right, Joseph Vano, 10, and his sister Samantha, 12, pick out wreaths.



George Cardillo, 10, thinks he has found the perfect tree.

Zoning board sides with cabana owners in latest appeal

The Zoning Board of Appeals has dealt a blow to opponents of a large Ballardvale cabana, reaffirming the building inspector's decision to let the structure stand as is.

Catherine Merritt-Hauer and James Hauer are considering an appeal of the board's ruling, which would mean another legal battle in their 18-month dispute with their Hazelwood Circle neighbors, Daniel and Lynn Gibson, and the town.

In June, the zoning board ruled that the 1,300-square-foot cabana violated town bylaws by exceeding the 1½ stories allowed for accessory buildings. In response, Building Inspector Kaija Gilmore issued a new building permit that removed most of the cabana's interior second floor (except for a loft) but did not call for any exterior changes.

The Hauers then appealed that permit, leading to the zoning board's latest decision.

Even if the Hauers do not appeal the zoning board decision, they will probably appeal the state's recent approval of work done to improve drainage around the cabana, Merritt-Hauer said.

"We're still experiencing flooding, and we're perplexed that the DEP has still signed off on that," Merritt-Hauer said.

—Colin Steele



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Group formed to study school building, space needs

Six community members to be sworn in tonight

By Brian Messenger

The School Facilities Task Force – the group that will analyze whether there is a need to build new school space – will officially begin their work tonight. Six members will be sworn in as “special municipal employees” appointed by the superintendent.

Community representatives Mark Johnson, Alix Driscoll and Tom Deso, and parent representatives Dennis Forgue, Ruth Galvin and Diane Costagliola, will all be briefed by Town Counsel Tom Urbelis on open meeting laws and conflict-of-interest issues.

Although members of both the selectmen and School Committee want the entire task force to meet promptly, School Committee Chairman Tony James said he did not believe the first full meeting would be scheduled

until early January.

“We’ll be trying to arrange a meeting with the entire group as soon as possible,” James said. “The sooner we start this and get it moving, the better off we’re going to be.”

The six community-based task force members were chosen by James and selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli from a group of 23 volunteers, James said at a meeting between the two boards on Dec. 11. Johnson, who served on the last school building committee that oversaw the building of High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle schools, was designated the task force’s chairman.

The composition of the task

force was approved unanimously by both boards at the meeting, after some debate over whether town and school administrators should be granted representation within the group.

“This isn’t building anything. It’s not putting shovels in the ground.”

SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN TONY JAMES

With the vote Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski and Plant and Facilities Director Joe Piantedosi from the town, along with School Superintendent Claudia Bach and School Business Administrator Evan Katz, were granted official member status.

Those four, along with the six community-based members and two members each from the School Committee, selectmen, and Finance Committee, will make up the task force, which aims to examine data to best identify the facility-related needs of all the town’s schools.

“I think we want to make sure we bring some experience to the table,” said James in reference to the decision to include both town and school administrators as official task force members.

But selectmen Brian Major and Mary Lyman initially questioned the move, fearing that their inclusion would compromise any results put forth by the task force in the long run.

“I think this report needs to have integrity,” said Lyman before members of both boards.

“We’re setting an expectation of the citizens of Andover,” said Major. “It sets a new precedent

to add staff to this task force.”

School Committee members Dick Collins and Deb Silberstein voiced the opinion that such an inclusion would not change a thing, and that because the task force would not be voting on anything the town would not be tied to any of its recommendations.

“This isn’t building any-

thing,” added James. “It’s not putting shovels in the ground. It’s looking at data.”

Selectmen Ted Teichert and Brian Major, School Committee members Art Barber and Tony James, and Finance Committee members Mary O’Donoghue and John Stumpf rounded out the group of chosen representatives.

Now, three forums on Middle East issues

WHEELS OF JUSTICE

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the group would visit different classes throughout the day. “And I’m also excited about the alternative speakers who’ll be scheduled for other dates.”

The Wheels of Justice group, known for its pro-Palestinian views, initially was scheduled to appear at the school in October. Anderson canceled the appearance after receiving calls complaining about the group’s message. (Rabbi Robert Goldstein of Temple Emanuel, who had appeared with the group in a forum in North Andover, has called it a narrow-minded group that demonizes Israel.)

Though the group’s bus showed up at the school the morning of the planned appearance, speakers were not permitted to lecture to the students. Teachers threatened to sue the school claiming their First Amendment rights were being violated.

Anderson said he’d reviewed the matter, coming to the conclusion that students would benefit from having not one, but a series of three programs about conflicts in the Middle East as well as the United States Constitution.

Meyers and five other social studies lauded Anderson’s decision last week in their written statement, calling it “a victory for freedom of speech.” The teachers, Kathryn Pina, Patrick Patterson, Fred Hopkins, Chandler Parker and Mary Robb, wrote that they appreciated the school’s willingness to allow Wheels of Justice to return. “It is our professional judgment that hearing these speakers was important to the good education of Andover’s students in learning how to grapple with the important issues of our time,” the teachers wrote.

Others, however, are not so pleased – among them, the Anti-Defamation League New England Region.

“We believe Wheels of Justice provides propaganda and prejudice rather than true pedagogy and should not be part of any high school’s educational approach to Middle East conflict,” said communication assistant Sarah Shugars in a written statement issued Tuesday. “We need real education about peace, security and co-existence in the Middle East – and the terrorism and rampant anti-Semitism that has undermined all three.”

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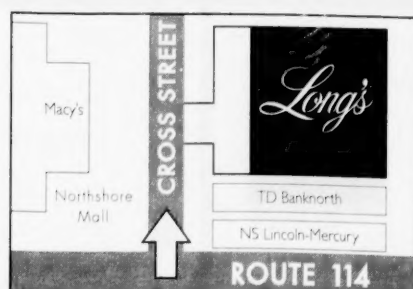

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Education

BOOK REVIEW

Snowmen at Night

BY CARALYN BUEHNER, ILLUSTRATED BY MARK BUEHNER

Reviewed by John Chartier

THIS WEEK, REVIEWER John Chartier

continues the *Townsmen's* holiday book spotlight with a whimsical look into the fantastic world of what happens to snowmen after kids retire to their hot chocolate inside their houses.

*In each flurry blizzard,
When readers search for a nook,
An icy wind blows
And we look for a book*

*A book for the season,
A holiday read,
A book full of fancy
A rare, enchanting breed*

*Of magic and mischief
Of holly and light
A great, yuletide story
All snowy and white*

*This week I've found one
A great winter-time tale
Of the lives of snowmen
And the magic they entail*

*This week we begin
On a dark wintry night,
The moon all aglow
And a humorous sight*

*A snowman sits waiting
With secrets below
A young boy there questions
Where did he go?*

*Last night did he go off?
Did he frolic and play?
Do snowmen at night come alive,
and sleep during the day?*

*This question and more
Buehner does pose
The secrets of snowmen
While the icy wind blows*

*This book I do give
A nine out of 10
Its enchantment and mystery
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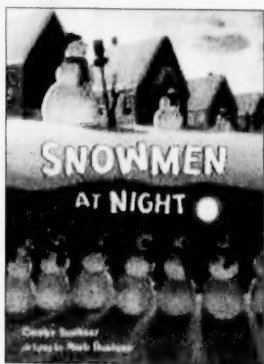
*The beautiful pictures,
Of colors and light
Add so much to the story
It's a sheer, pure delight*

*Oh head on down to a bookstore
Or a library with all your might
And pick up your copy
Of Snowmen at Night!*

I really enjoyed the book *Snowmen at Night*. It is an excellent story that is as original as it is entertaining.

Not only does it explore what might happen in the lives of snowmen, but the reader also has a lot of fun, along the way.

The book will best be enjoyed by those who want to enjoy a great read while curled up by the fire on a blustery night, leaving the cold world outside.



Engineering takes off

Year-old program eyed for expansion to other middle schools

By April Guilmet

NOT A WHISPER COULD BE HEARD in the former wood shop at West Middle School as engineering teacher Dan Miley hurled a plastic soda bottle straight into the air.

"I think a soda bottle is very well designed to become a rocket. But what are the advantages and disadvantages of different bottle sizes?" he asked the group of sixth-graders.

Immediately, a dozen hands shot up. One student correctly identified the larger bottle as having more power due to its weight. Another talked about using a parachute to bring the "rocket" back to earth.

On Friday, area principals, educators and educational fundraisers were among those invited to observe two of Miley's engineering classes in action. Initiated in September 2005, the engineering program at West Middle School is the first of its kind in the district.

The program has been recognized as a Promising Practices Program by Mass Insight Education, and the one-year-old Andover Coalition for Education is hoping to help expand the program to other schools.

"We are definitely interested in helping out with engineering programs should they expand to other middle schools," said ACE board president Tina Greenwood. [See related story, page 9.]

With budget cuts affecting many programs in the district in the past several years – wood shop and music are no longer offered at West Middle – funding for even the engineering program at West Middle has had to come from private sources. Grants from companies such as Raytheon and 3M made it possible, Assistant Superintendent Marcia O'Neil said.

On Friday, sixth-graders discussed the best methods of making a bottle rocket, while eighth-graders tinkered with their remote-control airplanes.



Teacher Dan Miley talks about the one-year-old engineering program at West Middle School. Education advocates hope to fund an expansion to the other middle schools.

Both projects are fun ways to get kids more intrigued about math and science, said Miley.

"And kids often find out they like it a whole lot more than they thought they would," he added.

"The kids at recess watch the rockets being launched and they say 'I want to do that!'" O'Neil agreed. "I know Doherty is eager now, and Wood Hill is interested as well."

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STUDENT LEADERS

Developing the tools to be a leader

The following is another in a series of articles about Andover High School students involved in community service. They are written as part of the Developing Leadership course by students Kristina Fuerst, Kerry Gaj and David Geoghegan.

DAN BAGNALL, a senior at Andover High School, is famous at the school for his Web-site designs. But his passion for Web design grew out of another love – his love for the live music of a band called The Slip.

At a concert by The Slip in 2002, Bagnall was immediately drawn towards the "mystical sounds of sonic bliss," and said he "was shocked at their honest musicianship and how songs formulated by three people could sound like 20."

According to Bagnall, The Slip are known for their innovative live performances. However, before Bagnall's creation of TheSlipStream.org, live Slip music was nearly impossible to find outside of shows. It was not offered on iTunes or other digital media avenues. The only way to hear The Slip's live music was by trading CDs of taped shows. So Bagnall created TheSlipStream.org to allow listeners the opportunity to hear The Slip con-

certs that Bagnall and others personally record and archive.

Bagnall did not seek permission from the band originally, but after about a month of his Web site running, The Slip passively began watching Bagnall's site grow with fans. When The Slip returned from a West Coast tour in the summer of 2005, Bagnall attended a concert.

"I went to see a show in Maine. After the show, I approached Brad, the lead singer, who I had never talked to before.

Instead of me saying, 'Hi, I'm Dan from the SlipStream,' he said, 'Hey, are you Dan?' " Bagnall was shocked that the band members knew who he was, even though he had never contacted them before.

Bagnall's TheSlipStream.org site was first recognized by a Vermont-based music magazine, *State of Mind*, in an article called, "If I Ventured in the Slip Stream." Bagnall pays for the site himself.

But after the article ran, donations of live music CDs from fans of the site started pouring into Bagnall's mailbox.

Members of the band appreciate Bagnall's work, too. A few weeks ago, The Slip released their fourth studio effort, *Eisenhower*.

"While I popped the disc into my stereo, I began reading the liner notes and there, beneath 'Beloved Allies,' was my name, 'Dan Bagnall,' " he said.

Before designing the site, Bagnall taught himself the basics of PHP and MySQL and with his aesthetic hand was able to design the Web site that has helped to spread The Slip globally.

There are now over 500 devoted members from countries such as Japan, France and Canada.

Bagnall also helps to moderate sliplive.com and the Andover band Grimis' site, grimis.com. Most of his live recordings are found on archive.org.

Through his work in bringing The Slip to more people, Bagnall has discovered that he would like to have a career in live music production and publicity.

People can check out his work at www.TheSlipStream.org.



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LOCAL SCHOLARS

St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers announced that 45 former and current students were named AP Scholars recently by the College Board in recognition of exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement (AP) exams.

The students took the AP exams in May after completing college-level courses at St. John's. [Students from Andover are listed by award level; as all four graduated in 2006, they are listed with the college they attend.]

AP SCHOLARS WITH DISTINC-

TION: Richard F. Sawyer '06 - Boston College.

AP SCHOLARS WITH HONOR: Timothy D. Smith '06 - Georgetown University.

AP SCHOLARS: Robert H. Bradley II '06 - College of William & Mary; Christopher W. Gibson '06 - Boston College.

Also at St. John's Preparatory School, 256 students were inducted into the Brother Benjamin Chapter of the National Honor Society at a recent ceremony held on the school campus.

National Honor Society fall

inductees include Andover students R. Conor Burke '07, Peter Casey '08, Alexander Dinu '07, Christopher McDonough '08, Michael Sawyer '08, David Selima '08, and Dante Smith '08.

The National Honor Society recognizes high school students for scholarship, leadership, character, and service to school and community. To qualify, students must demonstrate academic achievement, leadership, character and a commitment to community service. Specifically, students must earn a minimum 3.2 cumu-

lative grade-point average, contribute at least 30 hours of community service in the prior year, and demonstrate leadership and involvement in the life of the school.

Meghan Doherty of Andover is among eight seniors at the Gov-

ernor's Academy in Byfield who were recently elected as member designates to the school chapter of the national Cum Laude Society.

Doherty received the honor based on maintaining a minimum 3.3 weighted GPA through the end of junior year and standing in the top 10 percent of their class, as

well as exhibiting behavior at the Academy "worthy of the honor of Cum Laude" and that reflects "credit upon the chapter."

Middlesex School in Concord recently held its annual fall academic assembly to recognize the

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SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Dec. 18-22:

Elementary schools

Monday: Meatball sub, yogurt and bagel, chicken caesar salad, bread stick, veggie, fries, fruit and juice.

Tuesday: Chicken pot pie with biscuit and potatoes, yogurt and bagel, Italian hot pocket, carrots, fruit cup and juice.

Wednesday: Chicken

parmesan with pasta and bread stick, yogurt and pretzel, American sub, veggie sticks, fruit and juice.

Thursday: Chicken nuggets, burger bar, yogurt and bagel, rice pilaf, fruit, spice cake and juice.

Friday: Pan pizza, yogurt and bagel, veggies, fruit and juice.

Middle schools

Monday: Chicken fajita in a

wrap, roast beef sandwich on bulgie roll, veggie, fries, fruit and juice.

Tuesday: Meatball sub, pizza, crispy chicken caesar salad with bread stick, carrots, garden salad, fruit cup and juice.

Wednesday: Ravioli with meat or marinara sauce, garlic bread, rotini with meat or marinara sauce, garlic bread, veggie sticks with dip, fruit and juice.

Thursday: Pizza, whole wheat waffles with sausage links, chicken pot pie with mashed potatoes, cucumber rounds, fruit and juice.

Friday: Fish sandwich, buffalo chicken wings with rice pilaf, carrots, fruit and juice.

Andover High School

Monday: Brunch, bacon, cheddar and broccoli quiche with hash browns, fruit cup, juice and milk.

Tuesday: Roasted pork with garlic potatoes, mixed veggies, biscuit, cinnamon apple sauce, fruit and milk.

Wednesday: Pasta bar, spaghetti, macaroni with meat or marinara sauce, chicken cutlet or sausage, garlic bread, garden salad or hot veggie, fruit and milk.

Thursday: Chili bowl topped with cheese with roll, veggie sticks with dip, nachos and salsa, fruit and milk.

Friday: Manager's choice.

Also available a la carte daily at the elementary and middle schools: bottled water and 100 percent juice; lowfat ice cream and yogurt, bagel with light cream cheese, yogurt, fresh fruit of the season, and milk.

At Andover High School there is a wrap/deli bar with sandwiches made to order with favorite toppings, plus a daily sandwich offering, daily specials, and panini specials.

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Model program: Engineering classes in action

MIDDLE-SCHOOL CLASS

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For just a little over a year now, the engineering classes are taught to all sixth-through eighth-grade students at West Middle, as part of the school's Integrated Arts rotation. The students take a different course each quarter and currently alternate between art, health, information technology and engineering.



Teacher Dan Miley has a hands-on approach to the engineering program at West Middle School.

"They need to know this stuff," O'Neil notes. One quarter of the math questions featured on the grade 8 MCAS tests are engineering-oriented.

Although traces of the room's prior incarnation as a wood shop remain, Miley said the transition has gone smoothly.

"It sat her unused for around three years. We got rid of some power tools. And it works," Miley said, adding that he feels the space itself should not be a limitation.

Miley, who holds a bachelor's degree in political science as well as a master's degree in engineering, once worked in the high technology and engineering industries. But about five years ago, he came to an epiphany.

"There was just no heart and soul (in high tech and engineering)," Miley said. So he made the move towards teaching, first working in Lincoln and Lexington, and eventually landing in Andover.

"It's fun," Miley said. "And there's not many people out there to teach this." He said that his class is important because, "when kids build their own stuff, they really understand how it works."

For example, Miley began the program by handing out small wind-up toys to sixth-graders entering the program.

To teach the students how they work, he encouraged them to hold the toys up to the light to "x-ray" them.

"Then they perform 'wind-up surgery' on the toys," Miley said with a laugh.

On Friday, not one student was

late for class and all sat at full attention during the bell's final ringing. Eighth-graders Carly Golan and Chelsea Frei worked together to improve the wings on their remote-control planes. Their solution was to glue ladder-like toothpick formations on them.

"We're putting these sticks on to help stabilize the wings," Carly said. Chelsea further explained

that the wings might otherwise bend in mid-air. "These sticks might help," she said.

Two tables away, fellow students Alex Wolk and Mike Schneider dutifully sanded tiny blocks of wood to serve as stands for their plane.

Both boys said they really looked forward to this class.

"It's really fun," Alex said.



Andover High School students Ken Schumacher and Ann Sullivan helped the Andover Coalition for Education to produce its Web site: www.aceandover.org.

Building a Coalition

ANDOVER COALITION FOR EDUCATION (ACE) mailed its first annual appeal letter and brochure to all Andover households this month.

Through private donors, ACE raises funds to support innovative curriculum initiatives; the goal is to increase student achievement for all Andover public school students.

This year ACE is attempting to raise \$200,000 to expand the science and engineering programs in each of the public schools and to provide funding for the grants coordinator position.

In its first year, ACE raised the funds to support a designated grants coordinator for the school department and to

support the second year of the pilot Expeditionary Learning program at Wood Hill Middle School.

ACE worked with Andover High School students Ann Sullivan and Ken Schumacher (see photo), to create a Web site that will provide updated information about ACE's goals and initiatives. The Web site, www.aceandover.org, was designed to allow supporters to make online donations. It will reportedly be available later in December.

ACE has also been working closely with the faculty and students in the graphics department at the Greater Lawrence Technical School to produce the annual appeal mailing.

LOCAL SCHOLARS

MIDDLESEX HONORS

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scholarly achievements of all those students who have earned honors' averages.

The distinction of high honors was awarded to Andover resident Katie O'Connor '09, who achieved a scholastic average of 90 percent or higher.

The distinction of honors was awarded to Andover resident Katie Cormier '07, who achieved a scholastic average between 85 and 89.9 percent.

Cormier was also recognized as an Advanced Placement Scholar with Honor, a distinction given those who have achieved grades of three or higher on at least four AP Exams.

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Donors help build town

A PRIVATE GROUP'S EFFORT to raise money for an artificial turf field or two at Andover High School could be the answer to a decades-long "Hail Mary." It should provide better fields and more playing time to Andover High and town sports leagues without emptying taxpayers' wallets.

Sports fans and supporters of sports leagues have long bemoaned the condition and lack of fields in Andover. But, with the exception of new fields included as part of building two new schools, no new fields have been added to Andover during the past generation. Although Andover approved money in the late 1990s to add fields atop the town landfill, that project remains on its "to do" list.

Now, a group of donors says it has raised enough to replace the grass at Lovely Field, the high school football field, with the same style of new artificial turf that the New England Patriots just installed at Gillette Stadium. This will allow for safer playing conditions, and also allow for the field to be used significantly more often. Fewer games will be called off because of inclement weather. Currently, because of the nature of New England springs and autumns, Lovely Field becomes torn up and can be used fewer than two dozen times a year.

Because the artificial turf fields will be donated, Andover High athletes will not see increased fees. At times, Andover youth sports leagues will be able to use the town's premier field, which has stadium seating and concessions. By giving, donors can guarantee their favorite league has some time on the field, says organizer David Geaslen.

Of course, details of the project must remain public and face a public process. People need to know what groups are benefitting from the donations, and what the field arrangements will be. The town might need to limit night games. Because the track team will not be able to throw javelins onto the synthetic field, Andover will need to set aside space outside the track area for training and meets. But such issues can be addressed.

Andover residents are showing that they do not need to rely on government to do everything for them. New buildings were recently created at Lovely Field through a similar effort. Such public-private partnerships might be the only way certain projects can be completed given the rising costs of budget items. It's encouraging to see individuals stepping up to the plate and delivering for the home team themselves.

Web question

Fewer take-home vehicles?

Last week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question was: Should Andover High School install artificial turf on Lovely Field? 48 people responded.

• 24 people, or 50 percent, said, "Yes, the new field would make it easier to schedule games and practices."

• 3 people, or 6 percent, said, "Yes, the new field would help eliminate slipping and falling injuries."

• 2 people, or 4 percent, said, "Yes, for another reason."

• 6 people, or 13 percent, said, "No, we should stick to traditional grass fields."

• 11 people, or 23 percent, said, "No, there are more worthy projects for our donors to support."

• 1 person, or 2 percent, said, "No, for another reason."

• 1 person, or 2 percent, was not sure.

This week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question is: Should Andover further limit how many town employees it allows to take home town vehicles?

• No, these employees deserve these vehicles because they respond to emergencies.

• No, but personal use of vehicles should be limited.

• No, it's a deserved perk.

• Yes, 17 employees do not need take-home vehicles.

• Yes, the cost of gasoline, insurance, etc. is too expensive.

• No, for another reason.

• Not sure.

To vote, surf to www.andovertownsman.com.

WRAPPING A COAT AROUND OTHERS



From left, Owen Marchetti, 12, Peter Giangrande, 9, and Carla McDonough, 12, wrap coats for the Winter Warmth Project run by the Giangrande family. Volunteers have collected 1,800 coats for kids in need in Lawrence.

PHOTO BY TM JEAN

LETTERS

Debt exclusion support: Give people information and options

Editor, *Townsman*:

I support the town manager's proposal to fund two capital projects with a debt exclusion ("Tax hike to maintain Andover," *Townsman*, Nov. 2). The budget process has now started in preparation for the Town Meeting in 2007 and we have much to learn.

I expect the town manager and selectmen will inform us about the options for funding these two projects: the repair of existing sidewalks and the repair of several school building roofs. I assume these projects should be funded now, because the town

manager has determined that they should not be delayed. So then the question becomes, if we do not fund them with a debt exclusion, what effect will they have on the operating budget? Or, will other proposed capital projects have to be put off so these can be funded?

We do need to know more and I am confident we will have answers as the budget process unfolds. I urge the town manager and the selectmen to continue to explore the options and to share the information with the public. It does seem that Andover wants

the level of services that we currently enjoy and we want to keep our infrastructure in good repair. I have yet to hear people say they are willing to give up anything. Thus, I am pleased to see the town manager present us with a creative way of funding these critical projects.

I also urge our leaders to continue to explore the options so we, as taxpayers, can have choices at Town Meeting – not just one option for a yes or no vote.

Tina Girdwood
15 Tucker Road

WHEELS OF JUSTICE

Who is next?

Editor, *Townsman*:

After Andover High School's decision to invite the Palestinian propaganda group Wheels of Justice against the wishes of many in Andover, especially within the Jewish community, the next logical step would seem to be an AHS invitation to the Klu Klux Klan. Maybe inviting the Klan to Andover sounds extreme, but the Klan shares several things in common with Wheels of Justice: both groups demonize "Zionists" (aka Jews) in a manner similar to the tactics used by physics teacher Ron Francis in Somerville, both have been defended by the ACLU, and both groups possess views that can be termed "under-represented."

Several teachers at AHS have made it clear that free speech is a supreme value that trumps all other values, including the sensitivities of a minority group. Since this is the case, why not prove it by inviting the Klan?

The saddest aspect of Francis' latest victory in Andover is that not a single teacher at AHS has stepped forward to criticize the decision to invite the Wheels of Justice. In fact, many have supported it. Apparently, AHS teachers think it is appropriate for a physics teacher to organize speakers who share his exact political views for a social studies conference. The lack of a single dissenting voice means that either there is complete ideological agreement with the Wheels of Justice among AHS teachers, teachers disagree but are scared to speak against union president Tom Meyers and chief contract negotiator Ron Francis, or teachers simply don't care enough to publicly comment on this matter. Where is the vaunted free speech and vibrant debate at AHS that we have heard so much about?

Any way you look at it, Ron Francis is riding his Wheels of Justice right over Andover High School, much to Andover's detriment.

Eric Danis
(AHS graduate)
Modi'in, Israel

Speaker solution leaves questions

Editor, *Townsman*:

My daughter is in a Democracy and Media Literature class at Andover High that was to attend the presentation by Wheels of Justice back in October. It was reported in the Eagle Tribune last week that this group will be coming to AHS in the near future as part of a series of three forums. Why will the students be attending three forums rather than one panel discussion? I believe a panel discussion will give students the opportunity to hear several sides of this issue at once rather than allowing one group to affect students without the balance of opposing views.

In his letter to the editor on Nov. 30, social studies teacher Patrick Patterson stated "I told my classes about the group and their focus on the treatment of Palestinians" and that "an opposing viewpoint would follow." That certainly will help his students' understanding, but what about the

other 1,300 students in the building who are not involved with one of the classes scheduled to attend the speaker series? They will hear bits and pieces out of context.

The high school administration has made great strides to decrease student tardiness and has created a new attendance policy emphasizing the importance of attending all classes on time. Three in-school forums will cause students to miss their other scheduled classes. If one panel discussion is not agreeable to the teachers then perhaps these forums should take place in the evening so students will not miss other course work. The public could be invited to attend as well. Rather than rely on a few news reports and the many letters to the editor on this topic, let the public see for themselves the presentation by this group that has created such controversy.

Kristin Wise
8 Inwood Lane

Sewer project was '06 bright spot

Editor, *Townsman*:

As the year draws to a close it is often time for contemplation, what has been good, and what not quite so acceptable about the past year. We certainly have had our ups and downs in many areas, with many of the downs quite disconcerting. There is one bright spot, though, that we all too often forget to think about. We are blessed in Andover with a great number of dedicated public employees. I would especially like to extol those connected with the sewer construction in the south side of town. It has been a long and arduous task, and has finally been completed this fall.

Former Public Works Director Bob McQuade and Former Health Director Everett Penney were instrumental in getting the project started, and current DPW

chief Jack Petkus and his crew picked up the ball and guided it to completion. The contractor for our area, Balt-hazar, was efficient, clean and always polite, often considering our needs to enter or exit the area and interrupting the excavation to allow us to proceed. Their clean-up afterward was excellent. The new asphalt pavement is a pleasure to drive on. Overseeing and monitoring this entire long effort, Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski provided his usual steady leadership.

The town will be a cleaner and a more desirable place to live because of this project, and we are indeed fortunate to have had the guidance and effort of these outstanding professionals. Let us all say thanks and happy holidays to all our town employees.

Ed Weil
11 Ivy Lane

Sides do not need to demonize

Editor, *Townsman*:

I recently learned that the Andover School Committee's legal counsel recommended that, to avoid a protracted legal battle, Wheels of Justice, the controversial group that had been scheduled to speak to some high school history classes but was then cancelled, will be returning to Andover in January. Another group more supportive of the Israeli perspective will visit classes later in the winter.

I was among those who supported the administration's decision to cancel the Wheels of Justice appearance in Andover. Having heard their presentation, I had serious doubts about their ability to offer our students an even close to balanced view of the very complex situation in the Middle East.

I still question the choice of Wheels of Justice, and the educational merit of such a narrow presentation, but we are a nation of laws, and I accept the School Committee's decision.

I would like to suggest, however, that when equal time is given to the "other side," representatives be found who will articulate Israel's position without demonizing the Palestinians, which is what Wheels of Justice does to Israel and its supporters. Wheels of Justice claims that Israel is an "illegal state." I would hope that those who are chosen to argue on behalf of Israel's legal right to exist behind secure borders also consider the claims of Palestinians and their right to have a state of their own, something the representatives of Wheels of Justice are not willing to allow Israel.

Those who opposed Wheels of Justice were not trying to deny teachers' First Amendment rights, nor shield our very intelligent and discerning students from different perspectives, some of them unpopular. I believe Wheels of Justice was a poor choice then, and it remains so. It is my hope that when the Andover High School history department finds a group to offer a different perspective, they will find someone without the limited and narrow-minded world view of Wheels of Justice.

Rabbi Robert S. Goldstein
Temple Emanuel
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LETTERS

Billionaire Richard Branson has set an example for us

Editor, *Townsmen*:

In September, flamboyant entrepreneur Richard Branson announced that he will invest \$5 billion in biofuels technology to reduce the transportation industry's carbon dioxide emissions. He also reminded us that the steps he had taken to have Virgin Airlines' aircraft towed between boarding and runway positions, and to have replaced powered-with glided-landing procedures are already reducing CO₂ emissions by millions of tons a year.

His approach to the emissions emergency by changing operating procedures and then investing in new technology is an excellent model for what we can do in our homes. We can do even more:

Address Myriad Small Opportunities

Many of those items are plain common sense. Pick up Compact Fluorescent Lamp (CFL) bulbs for 49 cents at a local hardware store while they are on sale, and replace power-hungry incandescent bulbs to start saving on electric bills. Each bulb replaced reduces carbon emissions by 1,300 pounds over the life of the bulb. Also you can work on changing your family's power consumption habits. Harvard claims to have saved \$70,000 a year by getting students and staff to turn off computers when not using them. Lights on in empty rooms consume electricity at a higher rate than computers. You might try posting a list of reminders on the refrigerator. A family commitment to reducing the electric bill or addressing global warming will help you discover more opportunities.

Invest in New Technology

Significant savings are available by investing in new technology. Three years ago I began by deciding to buy a hybrid car. Delivery took nine months. For two years I have been averaging 50 miles per gallon three seasons of the year and 43 mpg during the winter months. Next I replaced my refrigerator, stove, dishwasher and hot water heater with Energy Star appliances and received rebates from the manufacturers and from Mass Energy. Last December I added a second layer of insulation to my attic. This increased the "R-value" from R25 to R44 and resulted in a 10-percent reduction in my gas heating consumption. This also helped reduce electricity consumption by 21 percent; of which half may have been due to replacing incandescent bulbs with fluorescents. Recently I replaced the washing machine with a front-loader. My programmable thermostat allows fine tuning heating energy consumption to actual needs.

Develop a Deep Commitment by Learning More

It takes a deep-rooted conviction to motivate that first step between grasping the importance of taking action and actually initiating it. One problem is motivating the whole family. Both Boston's Museum of Science and Harvard's Peabody Museum (Oxford Street, Cambridge) have excellent exhibits for all ages. Each makes a great family trip. There are a number of recently published books available at the library that are helpful. You can choose between novels and non-fiction with

political, economic or technical emphases.

Communicate Continuously

Take every opportunity to communicate with others. Develop a solid understanding of the most significant facts about climate change and consequences of global warming. Many people are completely unaware. Honest concern can spread like wildfire. We simply need to start to communicate.

After my daughter Beth saw some of the images from a power point presentation that showed the reduction of the Arctic ice cap and the increase of Greenland's summer melt over the past 30 years I've heard her telling a friend with great conviction how warm the world will be by the time their "kids are our age" and how important it is to act now to reduce CO₂ emissions. If we do not begin to reduce personal emissions immediately there is a high probability we will trigger irreversible climate change. Present trends indicate a 36 percent increase in energy demand in the US and the 50 percent increase worldwide in the next 25 years. We need to begin right away to change that.

Norm Viehmann
16 Martingale Lane

Legislature must do what's right: gay marriage vote

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I am writing to thank our state senator, Sue Tucker, for her recent vote not to recess the Constitutional Convention, but rather to honor her oath to "support our Constitution" by allowing a vote on the marriage referendum.

When my wife became an American citizen a few years ago, she stood before a judge in historic Faneuil Hall to pledge under oath to protect our Constitution and to obey our country's laws. What, then, gives our legislators the choice to do otherwise? Whether they agree with gay marriage or not, our legislators must begin to understand that picking and choosing what laws to obey and votes to be taken is not what has made our country's system of government last for so long and be

admired throughout the world.

Major change in our laws is not a new thing. In more than 225 years, there have been 27 amendments to our US Constitution. Included in these amendments are the outlawing of slavery, the elimination of discrimination by race or color in voting, and the guarantee of the right to vote to women. Every one of these amendments dealt with serious issues, demonstrating that fundamental change like the redefinition of marriage must be put before the people to have any real legitimacy.

For those who view our judiciary as some sort of higher authority in this matter: that is absurd, as it is only one of three branches of government. God is that higher authority, according to our Founding Fathers, and "We the People" come next.

Like the SJC's gay marriage decision, courts in the past have overstepped their authority and made bad laws. For example, the US Supreme Court rendered its infamous "Dred Scott" decision in 1857 that declared slaves to be owned property, not human beings—an outrage only changed by our terrible Civil War.

We should all thank Tucker for doing what is right. Now she needs to request that the state Senate president, Hon. Speaker and her fellow legislators allow a vote to be taken on Jan. 2 on the marriage referendum signed by 170,000 state citizens. It is high time all our legislators honored their oath to follow the same way as a good citizen of our country should.

John Carlson
One Golden Oaks Lane

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Fundraisers might tackle two artificial turf fields at AHS

By April Guilmet

A group of residents dedicated to replacing Andover High School's Lovely Field with artificial turf announced Tuesday

night it might not stop there.

David Geaslen said the group will focus first on replacing Lovely Field, the high school football stadium, but an increase

in donations has him optimistic he might be able to replace the field at the top of the hill behind the Richard Collins Field House as well. A decision will be made

by Jan. 15, he said.

All five School Committee members voted in favor of the idea of installing artificial fields with donated money.

Selectman Ted Teichert, who accompanied Geaslen to the meeting and has worked closely with Geaslen's committee, lauded the plan.

"This project would eliminate our space needs — and not just for football. It would impact field hockey, soccer ... even band," Teichert said. He emphasized that the benefits would not be limited to Andover children, but felt by the whole town.

"It's a win-win situation for the community," Teichert said.

As for funds, he said most have already been raised via private donors. And the effort continues.

Growing up in Andover, Teichert said he'd constantly hear people say, "If only we had a nicer field." But little has been done.

"Remember the football game just last Thanksgiving? The fields were just so torn up," Teichert said, while others nodded in agreement.

Geaslen estimated the cost of installing both artificial turf fields to be between \$1 million and \$1.2 million.

"We've put a lot of people to work to try and raise money for two fields instead of just one," he said.

His group still intends to replace Lovely Field first, showing to the School Committee plans for the field that have been

drafted by architects Gale Associates through private donations. The new football field should decrease injuries, because it improves traction, even in wet conditions, said supporters.

While the School Committee has approved the first step in the plan, it will also need to approve the building contract and finalized plans further down the road, said Geaslen. He plans to meet with the architects and the selectmen later this week.

"We still have to enter into a contract with the town before we start building," Geaslen said. He said the process will work much like last year's instance where Friends of Andover Football built the football field's two outer buildings.

"We still have to get certain permits and I'm assuming we'll need approval from the Conservation Commission (in addition to School Committee and Selectmen)," Geaslen said.

School Committee member Richard Collins, a former AHS football coach, said he was in favor of the proposal. "With natural turf, the headaches are unbelievable. I support this 105 percent," Collins said.

Fellow committee member Arthur Barber thanked Geaslen and Teichert for stepping forward. He also suggested improving the press boxes and lighting at Lovely Field, should extra funds be left over. "I hope we can bring them into the 21st century," Barber said.

Last season, Geaslen said Lovely Field was only used

around 40 times. He estimated that a synthetic field could be used as much as five times more.

"We can also rent it out to the Andover Junior Football League and others," Geaslen said.

He said groups that have donated to the new fields may be granted a number of guaranteed rentals equal to their donation. Since the project is privately funded, Geaslen said, this is permitted. For example, "if someone donates \$100,000, they can give that [equivalent rental] time back to Andover Youth Soccer, etc. And that's what's happening, groups are donating their time," Geaslen said.

"Since we're not bonding the money, we don't need the income from the rents quite so much," Geaslen said. Still, the installation of two fields would create an "enormous" increase in rental income for the town, he said.

He estimated that both fields could be constructed in about 11 or 12 weeks, about three weeks longer than it would take to replace Lovely alone.

"Your only maintenance for the field is to drag it with a machine and spray it with disinfectant once every quarter," Geaslen said.

He's looked into Field Turf for all the school's fields, including the softball fields — and hinted at hopes for the future.

"We have a master plan for all the fields," Geaslen said. "We just need the dollars."



A private group that was hoping to raise the money to replace Lovely Field (above) might be able to collect enough to replace another field at Andover High, too.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 14

Annual Holiday Open House, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Senior Activity Center in Methuen. Includes entertainment by Happy Hearts and jewelry table. Admission is donation of money or nonperishable food item for Lazarus House. All welcome.

Polar Express Night, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Includes children's activities, snacks and reading. Free; all welcome. Borders Books at The Loop, Methuen. 978-689-1999.

Lawrence High School Holiday Concert, 7 p.m. at auditorium. Includes girls ensemble, gospel choir and band. 978-946-0784.

Friday, Dec. 15

Photos with Santa, 6 to 8 p.m. at Brickstone Square with Merrimack Valley YMCA, Andover. Photos \$5 each. Proceeds benefit YMCA youth and teen programs.

Annual Hanukkah Night of Music Extravaganza, 6:30 p.m. at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover. Includes abbreviated Shabbat Service followed by the Temple Vocal Groups and the Boston Community Gospel Choir. www.templemanuel.net or 978-470-1356.

"Romeo and Juliet: Lawtown" performance, 7 p.m. presented by Greater Lawrence Technical School Drama Club at 57 River Road, Andover. Tickets \$5 at door. Limited seating dinner offered at 5 p.m. Visit www.gltstec.ma.us or call 978-686-0194.

Saturday, Dec. 16

Santa Breakfast, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Andover/North Andover YMCA Branch, 165 Haverhill St., Andover. Includes breakfast, crafts and photos with Santa. Reservations required. Cost per family: YMCA family members \$8; general members \$10; and non-members \$12. Call 978-685-3541.

Annual Holiday Party for local foster children, noon to 3 p.m. at Sons of Italy, 155 Marston St., Lawrence, with Foster Kids of Merrimack Valley Inc. Includes pizza, prizes and gifts. To register, call Larry Giordano at 978-683-2220.

Holiday festivities, 1 to 3 p.m., featuring the Gentlemen Songsters and hayrides at The Loop, Methuen. Donations will benefit Pentucket Peoples Foundation.

24th annual production of "The Nutcracker," 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. featuring Dance Prism at the Collins Center, Andover. Includes 150 dancers and 200 costumes. Admission \$22 for adults and \$16 for children and seniors. Call 978-371-1038 or visit www.danceprism.com.

Photos with Santa, 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Brickstone Square with Merrimack Valley YMCA, Andover. Photos \$5 each. Proceeds benefit YMCA youth and teen programs.

Living Nativity, 5 and 6 p.m. at 99 Concord St., North Reading. Includes music, animals, Victorian carolers, and refreshments. Free; all welcome. Sponsored by International Family Church. 978-276-6400.

Holiday Party, 5 to 10 p.m. at YMCA Lawrence Branch, 40 Lawrence St., for parents and children. Includes gym games, swimming, a movie and pizza. Cost: \$10 first child, \$5 for siblings. 978-686-6191.

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"Gloria!" 7:30 p.m. featuring the New England Classical Singers at Rogers Center, Merrimack College, North Andover. Features Renaissance music by a capella choir. Tickets \$20 adults; \$15 seniors; \$5 students. 978-474-6090.

Sunday, Dec. 17

Holiday Artisan Bazaar, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission. The Revolving Museum, 22 Shattuck St., Lowell.

Holiday festivities, 2 to 4 p.m., featuring the Mill City Jazz Band at The Loop, Methuen.

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Free holiday concert, 5 to 6 p.m. at First Church Congregational, 26 Pleasant St., Methuen. Includes highlights from North Regional Theatre Workshop's 2006 "Home for the Holidays" concert. Reception follows in Parish Hall. Free-will offering to benefit organ restoration. 978-687-1240.

Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation First Light, 7 p.m. featuring traditional indoor candle lighting ceremony, and Peter and Bethany Yarrow in concert at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Road, Andover. Tickets \$15 and \$20 in advance; \$18 and \$36 day of event. Reservations encouraged. 978-688-0466.

Traditional Chinese folk dancing, 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Rogers Center at Merrimack College, North Andover. Includes performances by Angel Dance Troupe, Melody Dance Troupe, Huazi Chinese Folk Dance Troupe, Dance Revelation, and Xiangtu Dance Troupe. Tickets \$15. Call 978-475-7280.

Monday, Dec. 18

"Look Good...Feel Better" seminar, noon to 1:30 p.m. with Greater Lawrence unit of the American Cancer Society at Caritas Holy Family Hospital, 70 East St., Methuen. Teaches cancer patients how to cope with

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From left are Carla Camasso of North Andover, Sean McArthur, Chandra Lawrence and Sandy Dukeshire during an after-school internship class at Dukeshire's glass workshop. Three Andover High seniors – McArthur, Lawrence, and Chloe Sempere (not in the photo) – have spent three hours a week at Dukeshire's business this semester.

Through the glass: Seeing how it's done

By Brian Messenger

SANDY'S GLASS SHACK might never have been built if Sand Dukeshire hadn't been given the chance to learn about glassmaking as an apprentice.

Now that her shack is up and the kilns are hot, it only makes sense that she return the favor.



Glass earrings are ready to be sold at the Youth Services Christmas tree lot.

Three Andover High School seniors have spent three hours a week at Dukeshire's business this semester, earning a half credit as part of the school's internship program, which gives students outside-of-class opportunities to pursue fields that interest them.

"It's been awesome to see them improve," said Dukeshire, who's been working with glass as an artistic medium for 15 years. "I think by the time any student has completed a year-long internship, they're going to have so much experience. It's really so beneficial to them."

Seniors Chandra Lawrence, 17, and Sean McArthur, 18, were busy last week making icicle-shaped Christmas tree decorations which they'll be selling, along with hand-made jewelry, at the Andover Youth Services Christmas tree lot at West Middle School this week. From 5:30 to 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 15 and noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16 people can buy the Glass Shack's various wares, with half the proceeds going back to Dukeshire's interns for a future Glass Shack project.

Through the AHS internship program,

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Sean McArthur, 18, marks glass to be cut to make glass ornaments.

Coming this weekend: Greater Lawrence Technical School play

Romeo & Juliet adapted to present-day Lawrence

By Michelle Wiener

WHAT'S UP contributor

THE GREATER LAWRENCE TECHNICAL SCHOOL drama club will perform its first full production in nearly a decade when it unveils *Romeo and Juliet: Lawtown - Straight Out Da Hood* this weekend.

Making sure it all runs smoothly will be student Megan Moynihan of Mary Lou Lane.

Moynihan is the assistant stage manager for the play, a parody of William Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* that takes place in present-day Lawrence.

A sophomore studying to become a chef Moynihan explains that. "It has more of today's modern language. It's not all Shakespearean language and people can understand it all a little better."

The play was written and directed by English teachers Katie DiMarea and Jaime Hennessy after student actors asked to tackle more than skits. The script-writing process began toward the end of last year, and the drama teachers involved students in the work.

Moynihan first became involved in the play this September, when she heard that the drama club, which she had participated in as a freshman, was starting up again.

"I wanted to get back into it," she said.



At rehearsal for *Romeo and Juliet: Lawtown - Straight Out Da Hood*, the Tech School's first full production in nearly 10 years, are Megan Moynihan of Andover, assistant stage manager for the play, along with Peter Clancy of Methuen as Romeo, and Erica Fonseca of Lawrence as Juliet.

As assistant stage manager, she explains that her job is to "make sure everyone's quiet backstage and make sure all the scenery and props get on stage."

Students have been rehearsing twice a week since early October. However, with opening night approaching, rehearsals have

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There is still time to have a picture taken with Santa before he leaves for his busy night delivering gifts to good boys and girls. After touring Santa's Village at Brickstone Square, parents and children can visit with Santa and have a photo taken with him, and enjoy popcorn and hot chocolate in a heated tent. Photos are \$5 each and proceeds benefit the YMCA's teen programs. Santa will be at Brickstone Square, off Haverhill Street, on the following evenings:

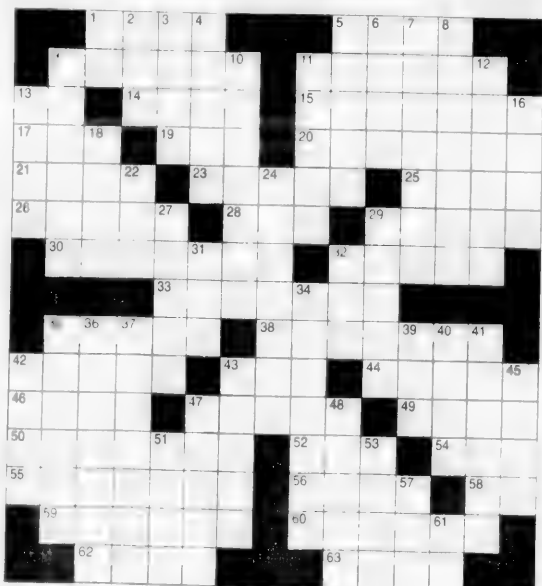
- Friday, Dec. 15 – 6 to 8 p.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 16 – 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 22 – 6 to 8 p.m.

For the fourth year, teens from the Merrimack Valley YMCA's Andover/North Andover Branch helped Santa by volunteering at Brickstone Square. Santa's helpers from the Merrimack Valley YMCA's Leaders Club are pictured: Lauren Fuller from North Andover; Katie LaBatte of Andover; Edward Yeng of Andover; Santa; Jessica McDonald of North Andover; and Xudong Chen of North Andover.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. City transportation
5. Listen
9. Of the lower back
11. High quality French brandy
13. Red cross (abbr.)
14. Mother
15. First letter of a name
17. Paddle
19. ___ Boot: 1981 film
20. Matter that remains
21. Group of three
23. Indian dresses
25. The central idea
26. Deep Space Nine writer Ethan H.
28. Crunches federal numbers
29. First king of Egypt
30. No attempt at concealment
32. Distinctively sharp tastes
33. Not professional
35. Ancient region on Aegean Sea
38. Farmer's calendar
42. Horse trained to a special gait
43. El ___ hero of Spain
44. Anwar ___: Egyptian statesman
46. A single article
47. Exchange of goods for money
49. Make taunting remarks
50. Withdraws
52. Modern musical style
54. Trading Spaces channel
55. Pencil correction
56. Monetary unit of Angola



58. Popular Canadian expression
59. Central portions of a vascular plant
60. Yelped
62. German river
63. Time of day

CLUES DOWN

1. Western state abbreviation
2. 1st computing society
3. A thin wire nail
4. Spa at the Park Hotel Kenmare
5. Sharpens on a whetstone
6. Breastplate
7. Stimulates the production of anti-

- bodies
8. Marauding
9. Ancient Egypt's divine beetle
10. Large flat strips of pasta
11. Boojum tree
12. Campaigns
13. College army
16. Rents
18. Rivulet
22. River of W. Russia
24. Grenadier fish
27. Step
29. ___ chino cherry
31. Doctors' group
32. Stomach
34. Aged
35. Provides food service
36. Salt of acetic acid
37. Surrendered claim
39. To be a constant annoyance
40. A nearly horizontal entrance to a mine
41. Secured with a steel rope
42. ___lli: Italian tire mfg.
43. Occurrences of a disease
45. GA ___: Atlanta school
47. Language of W. Africa
48. 5th month of the Hindu calendar
51. Decide with authority
53. Melon, cucumbers, pumpkin
57. Initial public offering
61. ___ route: on the way

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appearance-related effects of chemotherapy and radiation treatments. Free; all welcome. To register, call Gail Palermo at 978-687-0156, Ext. 2021.

Holiday Centerpiece Workshop, noon, for adult beginners at Nevins Memorial Library, 305 Broadway, Methuen. Cost \$25 for Friends members; \$30 for nonmembers. Registration required by Dec. 15. Call Beverly Winn at 978-686-4080, Ext. 31.

Tuesday, Dec. 19

Mother Goose on the Loose, 10:30 a.m. at Pollard Memorial Library, 401 Merrimack St., Lowell. Nursery rhyme program for children through age 3. No registration required. www.pollardml.org.

Eyes on Owls program, 4 p.m. at Nevins Memorial Library in Methuen for families with children in grades K to 6. Naturalist Marcia Wilson will present an introduction to owls from New England and beyond. Includes color slideshow, owl hooting lesson, followed by live owls. To register, call 978-686-4080, Ext. 26.

Jingle Bell Spectacular, 7 p.m. featuring Treble Chorus of New

England with guest artists the New England Ringers, at Rogers Center, Merrimack College, North Andover. Tickets \$14 adults, \$8 seniors and students. Visit www.treblechorus.com or call 978-837-5461.

Wednesday, Dec. 20

Wellness Workshop, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Dahn Yoga and Healing Center, 166 North Main St., Andover. Loma DiMeo will focus on ways to minimize holiday stress. Free; all welcome. To register, call Nina at 978-475-1116.

Thursday, Dec. 21

Super Holiday Blood Drive, 1 to 7 p.m. at Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., Andover. Includes complimentary food and T-shirts, drawings and music. For an appointment, call 1-800-448-3543.

Friday, Dec. 22

Photos with Santa, 6 to 8 p.m. at Brickstone Square with Merrimack Valley YMCA, Andover. Photos \$5 each. Proceeds benefit YMCA youth and teen programs.

Saturday, Dec. 23

Holiday festivities, noon to 4 p.m., including Patriot Fife and Drum Duo, Dueling Trumpets and King of Grace Church carolers at The Loop, Methuen.

Friday, Jan. 5

Free Parent/Child Music Workshop, 10 a.m. presented by Music Together at North Andover American School of Karate. Space limited. To register, call Rosemary Halloran at 978-688-3326 or e-mail musictogetheratt@comcast.net.

Sunday, Jan. 7

Classical South Indian music, 3 p.m. in Cochran Chapel at Phillips Academy in Andover featuring violinist Tara Anand accompanied by students and Dr. Pravin Sitaram. Free; all welcome. 978-749-4263 or e-mail music@andover.edu.



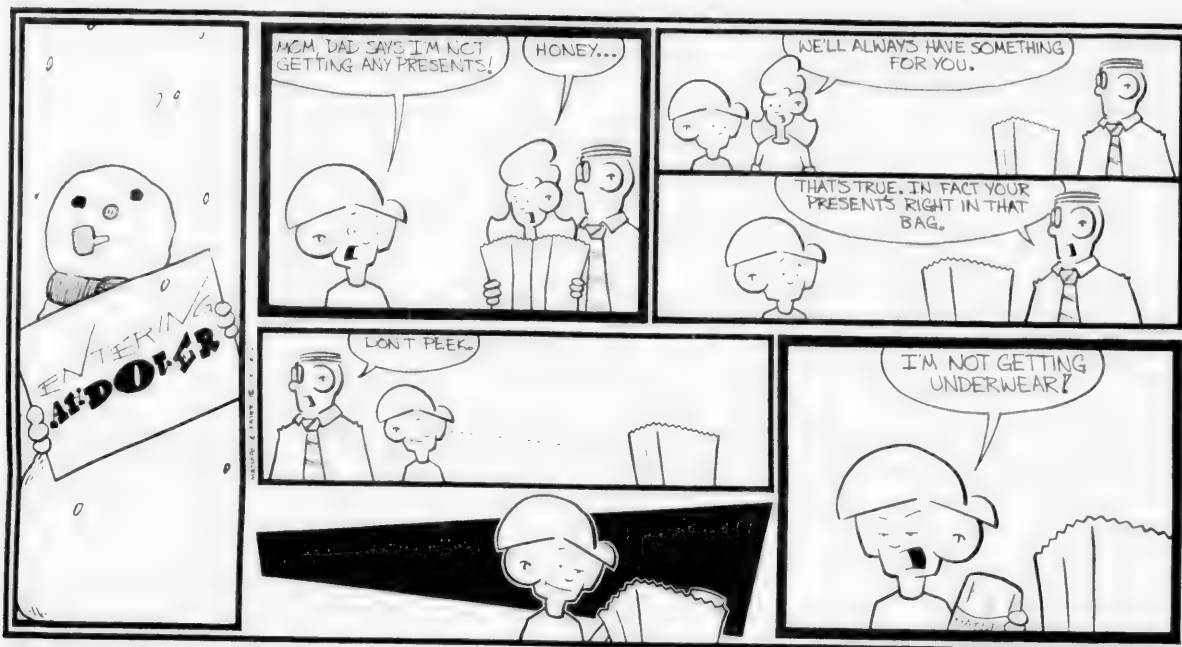
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Tom Chapin and Friends benefit concert, 2 p.m. at University of

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Andover Great Books Group, meets second and fourth Tuesdays, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., to discuss book of the week. Memorial Hall Library, Andover. Call Jean McGreehan at 603-667-9610.

Embroiderers Guild of America, meets third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. through May. Dedicated to teaching and pre-

serving needlework as an art form. Tewksbury Congregational Church, 10 East St., Tewksbury. Call Rosemary Carter at 978-893-0959.

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous, meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Wingate at Andover, 80 Andover St., Andover. Visit www.foodaddicts.org or call 781-321-9118.

Lawrence Heritage State Park indoor and outdoor guided tours exploring the history of Lawrence. Free; all welcome. Reservations required. 1 Jackson St., Lawrence, 978-794-1655.

Lowell Opera Company holds rehearsals every Monday, 7:30 p.m. at Christ Church United, 6

Bartlett St., Lowell. New members welcome; auditions not required. 978-441-6926 or www.operalowell.org.

Men's woodcarving group, meets Mondays at 9 a.m. at Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St., Andover. 978-623-8321.

Merrimack Toastmasters Club, meets second and fourth Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover. Call Bill Cashman at 978-475-0721.

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Merrimack Valley Chorus, a women's cappella group, rehearses every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at Wilmington Arts Council Building, 219 Middlesex Ave. (Route 62), Wilmington. Call Kate at 978-692-1843.

Merrimack Valley Chapter of PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), providing support, education, and advocacy, meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St., Andover. Co-facilitators are Bob Zimmerman and Rev. Ralph Galen. Call 978-475-4454, or send an e-mail to PFLAGinAndoverMA@aol.com.

Merrimack Valley Townsman Barbershop Chorus, rehearses Mondays at 7 p.m. at All Saints Church, Bellevue Ave., Haverhill. No experience necessary. 978-688-5306.

Methuen Community Band, rehearses every other Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. All instruments and skill levels welcome. Methuen High School, 1 Ranger Road, Methuen. Call Lori at 978-794-1973.

New England Classical Singers, a regional group of singers devoted to the presentation of demanding and interesting choral music, holds tryouts and rehearsals Wednesday, 7:15 p.m. at South School in Andover. 978-475-1468 or www.newenglandclassical.org.

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North Parish Quilters, meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m., September through June. New members welcome; guest fee \$5. Union Congregational Church, 148

Haverhill St., North Reading. Call Susan Reichter at 978-475-6973.

North Regional Theatre Workshop, rehearses every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Forest Street Church in Methuen. Call 978-681-0355 or visit www.nrtwine.com.

Skirts and Flirts Square Dance Club dances held every Thursday, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Shaw Sheen Elementary School, Shaw Sheen and Hopkins streets (Route 12), Wilmington. 978-658-4022.

Stompers Country Line Dance Production holds dances every Wednesday and Sunday, 7 to 11 p.m. at GuestHouse Inn & Suites, exit 47 off I-93, Methuen.

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day, 12:30 to 5 p.m.; or by appointment. 6 Inn St., Newburyport. 978-462-9891 or www.thechurchillgallery.com.

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New England Classical Singers celebrate the season, seek voices

Join the New England Classical Singers this Saturday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. at Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, for a joyous celebration of the season that will include Renaissance music for a cappella choir, along with Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* for choir, soloists, and orchestra, a perennial Baroque favorite, and other music of the season.

Soloists for the Vivaldi portion will be Andover resident Barbara Kilduff, coloratura soprano formerly of the Metropolitan Opera, and Deborah Rentz-Moore, mezzo-soprano, a featured soloist with the Boston Cantata.

Tickets: \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors, and \$5 for students, are available from choir members at the Andover Bookstore and at the Rogers Center Box Office. Tickets can also be purchased at the door. For additional information, call 978-475-1468.

NECS has openings in all departments for trained basses. Rehearsals are in Andover, W. Mass. For more information and to arrange an audition, call 978-475-1468.

Check the Web site www.newenglandclassical.org or call 978-475-1468.

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The manger was filled with children during last year's pageant at West Parish Church.

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SANDY GOLDSTEIN SAVOIE, Joseph Savoie and Adam Savoie will play the parts of Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus as the historic West Parish Garden Cemetery Arch once again becomes the entrance to Bethlehem this Sunday, Dec. 17 at 5 p.m.

This annual re-enactment of the Christmas story includes a cast of children, youth and adults and a stable of live animals.

Through drama, narration, and carols the audience shares in the miracle of Christmas as Mary and Joseph arrive in Bethlehem, the shepherds seek out the manger, and the wise men bring their gifts. The biblical account of Jesus' birth and modern-day stories such as the "Littlest Angel" and the "Little Drummer Boy" are

included in the reenactment. During its 30-year history, many past and present Andover families have been involved with the pageant. Blake Martin will portray Basil, the Innkeeper, and Jim Olson is the narrator.

The public is invited to attend the free half-hour performance of gospel narration and choral accompaniment. Afterwards you are welcome to photograph the living Nativity scene and to enjoy refreshments in Fellowship Hall.

The Ministry of Outreach will accept non-perishable food items at the archway prior to the pageant; these will be donated to local food pantries.

The Church will be holding its Christmas Eve services open to all: a family service at 5 p.m. and a Can-

delight Service at 11 p.m. Both evening services celebrate with carols and readings. The public is invited to join these special services at the church. Christmas Eve Sunday service is at 10 a.m.

West Parish Church, United Church of Christ, an open and affirming church, is located at 129 Reservation Road, at the intersection of Route 133 (Lowell Street) and Shawsheen Road, approximately two miles east of Route 1-93.

For details call the church between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at 978-475-3528, or visit the Web site at west-parishchurch.org.

For more information, contact Betsy Collins, West Parish Church administrator (978-475-3528) or Liz Doucette, pageant director (978-474-1734).

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tures "The World is our Campus," a collection of photos, films, audio journals, and more highlighting the college's international and intercultural programs, **through Wednesday, Dec. 20**, Halle Library Archive and Museum Gallery. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 376 Hale St., Beverly.

ERLICH GALLERY. Holiday show featuring glass, ceramics, and jewelry **through December.** Hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Sundays, noon to 5 p.m. 96 Washington St., Marblehead. 781-631-1202.

GALLERY 181. "A Hundred Under A Hundred," artwork by 26 national and local artists under \$100, **through Jan. 4, 2007.** Hours: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. 181 Canal St., Lawrence. 978-741-7979.

GORDON COLLEGE. "Highly Favored: Contemporary Visions of the Virgin Mary" **through Friday, Dec. 15**, Barrington Center for the Arts, 255 Grapevine Road, Wenham. 978-867-4365 or www.gordon.edu/ccs.

HALL-HASKELL HOUSE. New paintings by Ipswich artist Jeannette Steele Esposito **through Sunday, Dec. 17**, 10

a.m. to 4 p.m. Artist reception **Friday, Dec. 15**, 6 to 9 p.m. 36 South Main St., Ipswich.

IPSWICH ARTS. Arts cooperative features the third annual Art Show. Exhibit includes watercolors, oils, wood turnings, pottery, photography and jewelry. 59 S. Main St., Ipswich. 978-356-0239.

JOPPA FLATS. "Wonder and Whimsy," photographic exhibit of natural scenes by Diane Delucia, **through Sunday, Dec. 17.** Hours: Tuesday through Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. 1 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport. 978-462-9998.

KENSINGTON-STOBART. Four limited-edition prints by

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The cast of *Romeo and Juliet: Lawtown - Straight Out Da Hood*, at rehearsal at the Greater Lawrence Technical School.

Romeo Reggies

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been Mondays through Thursdays. Last Thursday, Dec. 7, an audience watched the rehearsal, and Moynihan said a lot of people were laughing.

"It's been really great," she said of the experience. "I've made a lot of new friends and everyone's really nice. It's just a lot of fun. No one really judges you that much."

She encourages people to come see the play and support

their local "Reggies."

Moynihan's first drama experience was as a seventh-grader at West Middle School, where she worked on the stage crew in the play *All Aboard for Broadway*. Outside of drama, she is involved in two student organizations, SkillsUSA and DECA, which offer nationwide competitions that test students in the profession they are studying.

Romeo and Juliet: Lawtown will be presented at Greater

Lawrence Technical School, River Road, on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15 and 16 at 7 p.m. in the performing arts center at the school.

On Friday, a limited-seating supper will be offered at 5 p.m.

Tickets for the play will be available at the door for \$5 and dinner tickets are available in advance for a minimum donation of \$5 each, with the proceeds going to benefit SkillsUSA and DECA.

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LESLANE GALLERY. Paintings by Bill Duncan and Jim Grabowski; paintings and wire and glass sculptures by Leslie Dondero; sea glass and driftwood mobiles and chimes by Elaine Lansky. Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 144 Turnpike Road, Rowley. 978-948-2105.

LORICA ARTWORKS. "Short Days, Long Shadows," a group show featuring original artwork by Irish and American artists, through December. 90 Main St., Andover. 978-470-1829.

MARBLEHEAD ARTS. Art Association presents "Artful Giving," a collection of paintings, prints, photographs, crafts, and more, through Dec. 23. 8 Hooper St., Marblehead. 781-631-2608 or www.marbleheadarts.org.

MARGOT'S GALLERY. Hand-made jewelry by Eli Davidov of the Idit Gallery in Jerusalem through 2006. 52 Wingate St., Haverhill. 978-373-0200.

MERCURY GALLERY. Holiday group show featuring paintings by Jon Marshall, Oliver

Balf, Lucette White, Joseph Solomon, Daniel Robinson, Byron Browne, Louis Schanker, and pottery by Miranda Thomas through January. Hours: Friday through Sunday, 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. 20 Main St., Rockport. 978-546-7620 or 617-859-0054 or www.mercurygallery.com.

MERRIMAC PUBLIC LIBRARY. "The Merrimac Residents First Art Exhibition" through Jan. 15. 86 W. Main St., Merrimac.

MONTSEERAT COLLEGE. "Electric Wasteland: Urban Art from L.A.," work in a variety of media, through Feb. 3. 23 Essex St., Beverly.

NEWBURYPORT ARTS. Art Association Members' Holiday Show and Sale of Art and Artisanry through Dec. 28. Features work in all media. Receptions on Fridays, Dec. 1 and 8. 7 to 9 p.m. 65 Water St., Newburyport. 978-465-8769 or www.newburyportarts.org.

PEABODY ARTS. Art Association Holiday Show and Sale featuring paintings, photographs and crafts by members through Sunday, Dec. 17. Elizabeth Cassidy Folk Art Museum. Hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays, noon to 4 p.m. 33 Washington St., Peabody.

REDBRICK ART CENTER. Whimsical pottery exhibit featuring ceramic works by artists from across the country through Jan. 10. Feature demonstrations, artist booths, children's activities, and more. Free. 95 Rantoul St., Beverly.

ROCKPORT ARTS. Art association will present Thumb Box Show of Paintings, Graphics,

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ROCKY NECK ART COLONY. Second annual Winter Exhibit and Sale through Dec. 24. Features paintings, sculpture, mixed media, photography, and ceramics by local artists. Hours: Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. 117 Main St., Gloucester.

WALSINGHAM GALLERY. "The Women of Walsingham," work by local female artists including Anita I. Johnson, J.C. Airolti, Mary Minifie, Jean Lightman, and Judith Pumfrey, through Sunday, Dec. 17. Holiday Show through December. Hours: Tuesday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.; Monday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. 47 Merrimac St., Newburyport. 978-499-4411 or www.thewalsinghamgallery.com.

WASHINGTON SQUARE STUDIO. "Mysteries of Mexico and Cuba," photography by David LaChapelle of Salem, Mass., through Sunday, Dec. 17. Hours: Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. 13 Washington Square, Salem. 978-745-5880.

AUCTIONS/SALES

ART SALE. Peabody Art Association Holiday Art Show and Sale Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Continued on page 18



Photo at left: Meghan Burke, an eighth-grader at Wood Hill Middle School, won second place in the first Andover Idol competition at Memorial Hall Library. Above right: Emma Keefe, a sixth-grader at Doherty Middle School, has her moment in the spotlight during the competition.

Performing their hearts out

Teens shine in 'Andover Idol' competition at the library

Memorial Hall Library held its first Andover Idol competition last month, and 12 enthusiastic local middle- and high school students sang songs from several genres, including rock, pop, country, gospel, R&B/soul, jazz and alternative.

The songs included *Hello Dolly*, *Colors of the Wind*, *I Try to Think About Elvis*, *Except for Monday*, *Soak Up the Sun*, *Hopelessly Devoted to You*, *Pieces of Me*, *Paranoid*, *Girl from Ipanema* and *Amazing Grace*.

Six of the Andover Idol performers were selected to compete in Saturday's finale.

Local music aficionados and library staff members served as judges. The students were evaluated on vocal talent, stage

presence, star quality, enthusiasm and effort.

Meghan Burke, an eighth-grader at Wood Hill Middle School, won second place singing Bette Midler's *The Rose*, while third-place winner Connor Hagan, a ninth-grader at the Victor School, sang The Clash's hit *Should I Stay or Should I Go*. Both students received trophies and a \$50 gift card to Newbury Comics.

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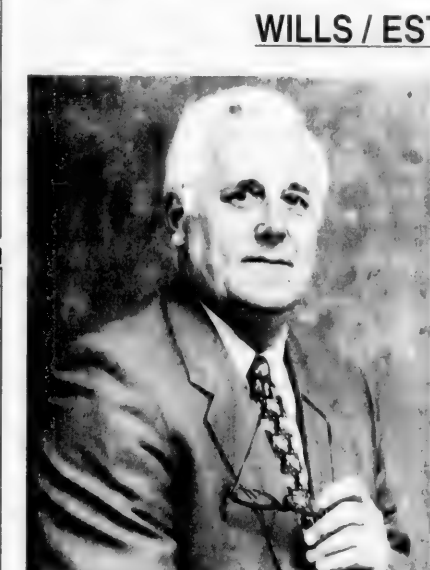
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CRAFTS WORKSHOP. Green Meadows Farm hosts a holiday crafts workshop for kids **Saturday, Dec. 16, 2 to 5 p.m.** Cost \$5. 650 Asbury St., Hamilton. 978-626-0104.

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Owner Jin Won Jun

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Yokohama is a favorite place to celebrate special occasions. The fun, vibrant, and festive atmosphere is a picture that says a great deal about the place.

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Stained-glass class

Chandra Lawrence, 17, ties a bead of glass onto a bracelet.



■ SANDY'S GLASS SHACK

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students have had the chance to craft medallions and other jewelry, and even blow glass.

The largest project to date for Sandy's Glass Shack is the design and creation of three stained-glass windows, which will be installed at the dwelling of Jesuit priests on Newbury Street in Boston. The windows feature an abstract crucifix in the center window flanked by two longer rectangular panes.

The interns have helped to piece together the individual sections of what will make up the center window.

"It helps you develop what you're really interested in," McArthur said about his experience in the internship program. "You can go out and try it and see if you really want to do it with your life. And [it's] a good way to get some extra credit."

"This option just fell into my

lap," said Chloe Sempere, 18, the third AHS senior involved at the shack, who said a teacher first told her about the internship program. "I'm getting school credit for it. It's a pretty cool opportunity for me."

Now in her second year mentoring Andover High students, Dukeshire said she expects to get three more juniors involved in January so they can continue the work once the current trio of seniors graduates in the spring.

"I could probably have 20 kids here if I could accommodate them. It's like wildfire," said Dukeshire from inside the small shack behind her house.

Accented with intricate woodworking and custom-made stain-glass windows, which Lawrence helped design, Dukeshire's workspace contains several kilns and a work bench where the students use grinders to shape glass pieces by hand.

"I get three times the work

done. And we have a lot of fun," said Dukeshire. "It's better than making copies for some mortgage company, or pushing a broom."

Dukeshire first started taking glassworking classes at the Museum School of Fine Arts and Massachusetts College of Art before deciding to take private lessons for a year. She then became a part-time assistant to a glass blower, working two or three days a week.

Dukeshire has offered stained-glass sessions at the Tewksbury Senior Center for six years now, and also teaches stained-glass and fused-glass jewelry classes at the Essex Arts Center in Lawrence.

Dukeshire said her first calling was mechanical engineering, which she studied in college for two years before deciding that the field was not for her.

"It was a little dry for me," she said. "I was working in the

drafting room. The creative side of the brain needed more exercise."

But Dukeshire says that experience has helped immensely when consulting with architects on a project like the stained-glass windows currently being made for the chapel in Boston.

No real-world experience will go for naught in the long run, Dukeshire believes, which is why, even if her interns don't take up glassworking as a career, their time at the shack will be well spent.

"I was able to learn so much," Dukeshire said of her years under more experienced glass workers.

Added Sempere of the internship program: "I don't think many students at Andover High know about it."

"The best thing to do is to get an internship, and learn from the best of the best."

Award-winning New England Brass Band returns to the Merrimack Valley

NE Brass Band at Free Christian Church

The New England Brass Band returns to the Merrimack Valley for its annual holiday concert Saturday, Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. at Free Christian Church, 31 Elm St.

Under the direction of BSO and Boston Brass bass trombonist Douglas Yeo, the band has released its fourth recording, entitled *Peace on Earth*, recorded at Symphony Hall in Boston.

The New England Brass Band is a 30-piece brass and percussion ensemble that presents concerts "in the British tradition."

Based in the Boston area, NEBB draws players from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Maine. Concertmaster and associate conductor Terry Everson is a

trumpet soloist who teaches at Boston University's School of Music and Tanglewood Institute.

The group was recently featured in a broadcast on NECN. In 2004, the group won first place in the Challenge section of the North American Brass Band Association Championship, with members receiving solo and ensemble awards as well. They perform throughout New England and appeared in a special performance last month at Boston's Symphony Hall.

Free Christian Church members look forward to this annual holiday treat, organizers said, and as always, offer this concert free to the public. An offering will be taken to sup-

port the group. Recordings will be available for purchase during the evening.

Yeo has performed in numerous churches and concert halls around the world and confirms the acoustic quality of the Andover sanctuary.

Designed in 1907 by McKim, Mead & White, the architects who designed Boston's Symphony Hall -- considered one of the most acoustically perfect performance spaces in the world -- the sanctuary is perfect for the brass band's music, members believe.

For more information, call Doug Yeo, New England Brass Band, at 781-861-1472, or Eric Lindahl, Free Christian Church, at 978-475-0700, Ext. 11.

EVENTS CALENDAR

■ ONGOING, ETC.

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Scott M. Black Collection" through May 6; "Michael Mazur: Art of the Print" through May 31; "On Stage in Osaka," Japanese woodblock prints, through Jan. 3; canvases by Cecily Brown through Jan. 15; "Fashion Show: Paris Collections 2006" through March 18. Hours: Monday and Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.; Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 9:45 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Admission \$15. \$13 seniors/students. 465 Huntington Ave., Boston. Visit www.mfa.org.

NORTH ANDOVER HISTORI-

CAL SOCIETY. Includes library, archive and museum galleries focusing on local life from the 17th to 20th century. Tuesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m. Admission \$1 to \$5. 153 Academy Road, North Andover. 978-686-4035.

PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM. "Inspired by China, Contemporary Furnituremakers Explore Chinese Traditions" through March 4; "The Emperor Looks West," art from Chinese palace workshops, through April 20; "Sketched at Sea," drawings, paintings, and other maritime works from the mid-18th to early 20th centuries; "Of Gods and Mortals, Traditional Art of India" through March 24; "The Yachting Photography of Willard B. Jackson" through Jan. 21. Open daily 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$13 adults, \$11 seniors, \$9 students and children 16 and younger, and Salem residents, free. 866-745-1876 or www.pem.org.

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SALEM MARITIME. National Historic Site operated by the National Park Service. Free 18-minute film on the Golden Age of Salem. "To the Farthest Port of the Rich East," every 30 minutes. US park rangers lead tours of the 1819 Custom House, the 1762 Derby House and the 1672 Narbonne House, and the *Friendship*, a full-size replica of a 1797 merchant vessel. 193 Derby St., Salem. Tours \$5 adults; \$3 children and seniors. 978-740-1660.

SALEM WAX MUSEUM. Self-guided tour based on witch trials of 1692 and Salem maritime history with activity area where visitors create souvenirs. Open daily, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 288 Derby St., Salem. 978-740-2929.

SALEM WITCH MUSEUM. Dramatic look at Witch Trial of 1692 with lighting and narration. "Witches: Evolving Perceptions" examines evolution of word "witch" from pagan times to present and the witch hysteria of 1692. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission \$7.50, \$6.50 seniors, \$5 children. Washington Square, on Salem Common, Salem. 978-744-1692.

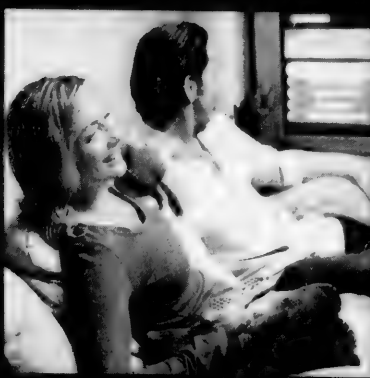
SALEM WITCH VILLAGE. Tour developed by Salem's witch community talks about origins of real witchcraft to modern-day practices and beliefs. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. 282 Derby St. (rear), Salem. 978-740-9229.

SARGENT HOUSE MUSEUM. The 1782 home was built for writer and education advocate Judith Sargent Murray. Furnished with a collection of New England antiques, decorative arts and original artworks by portrait painter John Singer Sargent. Guided tours Friday to Monday, noon to 4 p.m., 49 Middle St., Gloucester. \$5, \$4 seniors. 978-281-2432.

WENHAM MUSEUM. "What's the Buzz?," an exhibit on the life cycle of honey bees, through March 30; "Train Time 14," a display of five working layouts, railroad memorabilia, and historical artifacts, through March 2; International Doll Collection depicting the history of dolls and doll making from the late 18th century through the present; The Train Gallery featuring seven layouts of model trains. Open Tuesdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$6.50, \$5.50 seniors/students, \$4.50 children ages 2 through 16. 132 main Street, Wenham. 978-468-2377 or www.wenhammuseum.org.

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Chronicle's newest anchor loves living in Andover

By April Guilmet

WHILE BROWSING THROUGH Main Street's boutiques, don't be surprised if you run into *Chronicle* anchor Shayna Seymour.

Although Seymour has been living in Andover since only May, it sure feels like home.

Whether enjoying a tasty meal at the Lantern Brunch, Glory or Yama; shopping for the latest fashions at dresscode; looking at General Goods for something to dress up the new apartment she shares with her boyfriend; or just going for a brisk run around town, Seymour had one thing to say: "I love it here."

The 30-year-old Seymour also has been enjoying her time as the new anchor on the long-running Channel 5 staple, *Chronicle*. She joined the show in April.

"I love meeting new people and hearing their story, then getting to tell that story. That's the thrill of journalism to me," Seymour said.

Another bonus is the

hours, typically between 9:30 to 5:30 each day, with some exceptions.

"It's different then when I was in the newsroom, with hours going all over the place," she said.

Seymour admits journalism is somewhat beckoned her for quite some time, but after graduating from college in Atlanta, Ga., the

Amherst native originally found herself bound for the corporate world. She was hired as a merchandiser for The Gap in California, later accepting a recruiting position with the company in New York City.

"Then I said to myself, 'I'm either going to do this journalism thing, or not,'" Seymour said.

She enrolled in a few classes at New York University, which she loved, eventually pursuing a graduate degree at Syracuse

University.

After graduation, Seymour returned to Western Massachusetts, where she landed her first position in journalism, for Springfield's ABC affiliate.

"I started as a general assignment reporter," Seymour said.

"Then I was promoted to a morning and

noontime anchor."

This past April, she became *Chronicle's* newest anchor. Now her days consist of, well, just about anything. And that's the way she likes it.

"There really is no typical day here. I might be in the field reporting, or in the station doing writing or editing," Seymour said.

"It's not very predictable at all. One day you're eating something, the next day you're interviewing some politician or you're out shopping."

A nightly news magazine, *Chronicle* differs from news programs, she noted, because each show has a single topic. "And the segments are longer, around five minutes instead of one," Seymour said.

She wears many hats — not only does she appear before the camera, but she does her own hair and make-up and writes and produces most of her own pieces.

One of her favorite projects, she said, was a complete half-hour program she produced called "The Color of Love," covering the sensitive topic of interracial relationships.

"It was very eye-opening to see where race relations in this country are still, today," Seymour said.

"Yet all of the couples I interviewed said they didn't believe race really influenced love."

Currently, Seymour and her colleagues are preparing for *Chronicle's* 25th anniversary broadcast.

"We're so excited to be hitting that mark. Not many shows out there have been able to do that," she said.



Chronicle anchor
Shayna Seymour

The Magic of the Season



At left, teacher Lindsey Strube dances on stage with the 2- and 3-year-olds in the Twirl 'n' Whirl group, who (from left) are Jillian Alden, Cassidy Sadadski, Aubrey Waelter and Ava Finegold, during Tiny Tunes! Holiday Party last Saturday at Old Town Hall. Above right: Maya Jensen, 3, gives a big hug to Santa during the Tiny Tunes! Holiday Party.



Happy Hanukkah

At the Temple Emanuel Sisterhood Hanukkah party held Sunday, Dec. 10 are (right photo) Adam Gilman and Hannah Jablonki making sand candle glasses; and Emily Bartner and Adam Peters decorating cookies and cupcakes. Hanukkah begins at sundown on Friday.



At the holiday party last Saturday for the 125 students, staff and friends of the Professional Center for Child Development at the Fellowship Hall of West Parish Church, Emily and Kaileigh Lyons of Andover had a wonderful time with Santa. Kaileigh is a graduate of the "Two by Two" developmental play groups at the PCCD. Emily followed her sister and is now a member of the popular group, organizers said.

HOLIDAY HELPERS



At their Nov. 30 pack meeting, held at Saint Robert Bellarmine Parish, the Cub Scouts of Pack 79 in Andover presented donations to Jim Serego-Wareing of New England Caring For Our Military (NECFOM) for gift boxes for soldiers. The theme of the pack meeting was community service. To boost the morale of the soldiers during the holidays, Cub Scouts and their families brought donations of non-perishable snacks, toiletry items, calling cards, and magazines and books to fill 13 gift boxes with a nice assortment of treats and useful items. The value of the donated items was more than \$600, and Pack 79 also gave a cash donation to defray the cost of shipping. The Cub Scouts enjoyed writing cards and letters to place in the soldiers' gift boxes, and are hopeful that some of the soldiers may correspond with their den leaders once the gift boxes are received. The gift boxes from Pack 79 were shipped Dec. 1, bringing the total number of care packages shipped by NECFOM in Methuen, to more than 6,200.



Sue Comeau helps her children Courtney and Mikey wrap gifts at West Elementary School for clients at St. Ann's Home in Methuen. The students at West Elementary wrapped 60 boxes, which were filled with gifts they brought in to school, to distribute to the children who live at St. Ann's Home.

FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

Fix-It Shop: Our fix-it shop will be open for business from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18. Our volunteers will be happy to take a look at any small appliances or household items. Cost is \$2 plus any parts that might be needed to complete a repair.

Movie Matinee: On Monday, Dec. 18 at 1 p.m. we will show the movie *Millions*. "Joyously funny" says the *Wall Street Journal*. It's holiday season and 7-year-old Damien believes he's received a gift from above when a suitcase filled with cash literally falls out of the sky. Reservations are not necessary, just come by and join us.

Book Club: The next book club meeting will take place today, Thursday, Dec. 14 at 1:30 p.m. The group will be discussing *Tracks* by Robyn Davidson. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the senior center and newcomers are welcome at any time.

Exercise Registration: Registration is still open for the winter semester of exercise classes. Classes will be offered in women's strength-training, cardio-conditioning, tai chi, low impact aerobics, water workout, men's fitness, basic and performing tap dance classes, and modified yoga. Class and fee schedules are available at the center. The winter semester got underway this week and will run through Feb. 23.

Creative Cooking/Lunch Group: Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 11 a.m. Have the fun of restaur-

ant-style eating right at the senior center. This lively, food-loving group welcomes newcomers to join in the fun of a cooking demo, recipe sharing and lunch together. The December class will feature our annual Italian Christmas specialties. Cost is \$6 and advance reservations are necessary.

Massage Therapy: The senior center has a licensed massage therapist onsite every Monday morning by appointment. Treatments are especially great in the colder months. Cost is just \$12 for a 20-minute appointment and is a great component to add to your wellness routine.

Bereavement Support Group: This group is facilitated by Diane Blake from Merrimack Valley Hospice and is open to anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. There is no

charge for this group, and the next meeting will be held at 1:30 on Dec. 21 at the senior center.

Gift Certificates: Senior center gift certificates can make a great gift or stocking stuffer for that hard-to-shop-for person on your holiday list. Certificates are available in all denominations, and are good for any program, class, activity or trip sponsored by the center for the upcoming year.

Healthy Eating Research Project: The "Healthy Eating For Successful Living in Older Adults" program will be offered at the Andover Senior Center in the January-March time frame. This six-week educational training course is based on the newly revised US Dept. of Agriculture's MyPyramid. Individuals interested in participating in this study will meet with

a research assistant from the Institute for Aging Research at Hebrew Senior Life to determine if they are eligible for the study. Contact Pat Becker at the senior center for further information.

Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group: Meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. This group is designed for caregivers only, but is an open meeting and all caregivers are welcome. Call Kristine Arakelian at the senior center for further information.

Continental Breakfast & Holiday Open House: The senior center will host its annual holiday continental breakfast and open house next Thursday, Dec. 21 from 9 to 11 a.m. Complimentary tickets are available at the center. Stop by and pick one up and join us for some holiday cheer.

Savory Soups: Guaranteed to warm you up, this cooking class will feature four delicious soups including a prize-winning garden vegetable, a lowfat salmon chowder, and a "mac and cheese" soup that is a delicious mixture of Macintosh

apples blended with cheddar cheese. The course will meet at 2 p.m. on Jan. 9, 16, 23 and 30 at a cost of \$20, and pre-registration is necessary. Instructor will be Terry Kay Bargar, Food FOR THOUGHT columnist for the *Andover Townsman*.

Free Cardio Class: Our cardio conditioning class is held at "Shapes By Design" in Andover. If you'd like to try out this fitness option on a complimentary basis, just stop by the senior center for a free pass, which can be used to attend the demonstrations on Jan. 9 or 11 at 1:30 p.m.

Outdoor Adventures For Women - Snowshoe Clinic: Don't let the winter weather keep you indoors. Join us for a little outdoor exercise with Burt Batcheller from Moor & Mountain. The clinic will be held on Thursday, Jan. 11 from 9 to 10 a.m. We'll meet at the center and then head over to the Park. Pre-registration is necessary so we can provide the appropriate equipment. Cost is \$5. Following the workout, we'll enjoy hot chocolate and muffins back at the center.

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SUPPORT GROUPS

ADD/ADHD support group, meets third Thursday of every month, Belleville Church, 300 High St., Newburyport; Lisa Figliola 978-948-7310.

AIDS Action of Andover Mothers Group, for mothers and other family members of people who are HIV positive or have AIDS, twice monthly; 978-470-2626.

Alcoholism - Adult children of alcoholics discussion meeting, Sunday, 10-11:30 a.m., Emerson Hospital Health Center, Route 110, Westford; 978-251-3329 or 978-448-5002.

Alcoholism - Alateen, ages 12 and older, for teenagers affected by someone else's drinking, 7-8 p.m., every Wednesday, downstairs, Christ Church, 29 Central St., Andover; Dottie 978-851-7655.

Alcoholism - Al-Anon, for adults, meets every Wednesday, 8-9:30 p.m., first floor, Christ Church, 29 Central St.; 978-475-0529.

Alcoholism - Al-Anon literature study group, Fridays, 10:30 a.m.-noon, St. Anne's Church, King Street, Littleton; 978-256-9391 or 978-448-5002.

Alcoholism - Al-Anon meeting, Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., St. William's Church basement, Main Street (Route 38), Tewksbury; Dottie 978-851-7655.

Alcoholism - Pre-Alateen, meetings for ages 6-12, Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., Pines of Tewksbury, 2580 Main St., Tewksbury; Dottie 978-851-7655.

Alcoholism - Support group meetings, Northeast Rehabilitation Health Network, 70 Butler St., Salem, N.H.; AA, every Saturday 7-8:30 p.m., AA Friendship Line, Derry, N.H.; 603-432-4520.

Amputees support group meeting, second Sunday of the month, 2-3 p.m.; Lorraine Stevens 603-893-2900, Ext. 472.

Arthritis support group meetings, first Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., Jennie Paulette 1-800-639-2113.

Arthritis support and education group, meets first Wednesday of the month, 1-2:30 p.m., at the Center, 49 Pleasant St., Reading; Judy Burgess 781-944-0653. Reading Elder Services 781-942-9056, or Arthritis Foundation 1-800-766-9449.

Bereavement - Heart of Grief Education, the Merrimack Valley Hospital (MVH) and Farmer & Sons/Bethany Bereavement and Resource Center of Haverhill, offer an eight-session bereavement program called The Heart of Grief; group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the hospital atrium, participation is free but pre-registration is requested; Nancy Thornton 978-374-9257.

Bereavement - Merrimack Valley Hospice, sponsoring a support group designed especially for the young widow or widower, the ongoing group meets weekly on Thursdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m., exploring the definition of grief, bereavement and mourning, theories about the stages of grief and other related topics, free, open to all, Caritas Holy Family Hospital in the board room, 70 East St., Methuen; 978-552-4572.

Bereavement - Young Widows and Widowers weekly bereavement support, Merrimack Valley Hospice with Farmer & Sons Bethany Bereavement Center offers free support groups designed especially for young widow and widowers, Sacred Hearts Pastoral Center, 48 South Chestnut St., Bradford (Haverhill); 978-552-4376.

Bereavement - Loss of spouse, special support for those who have experienced the loss of a spouse, Joslin Conference Room (across from gift shop), Anna Jaques Hospital, Newburyport; Nancy Kidd 978-552-4572.

Bereavement - Perinatal loss support group, for parents who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or newborn, first and third Thursday of every

month, 7:30 to 9 p.m., first floor conference room, Anna Jaques Hospital, Newburyport; 978-463-1175.

Bereavement - Renew, bereavement support group for adults offered by the Visiting Nurse Association of Greater Lowell, third Thursday of each month, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Cancer Center, Lowell General Hospital, 295 Varnum Ave., Lowell; Marie Jennings 978-459-9343, Ext. 2783.

Bereavement - Safe Place, for those who have lost a loved one or friend to suicide, meets second and fourth Tuesday of each month, 7-9:30 p.m., The Samaritans, 169 East St., Methuen; 978-688-6607.

Bereavement - Samaritans, information night, first Wednesday of each month, those who have lost a loved one or friend to suicide meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., Samaritan Center, 169 East St., Methuen; 978-688-0030.

Bereavement - Surviving the Death of a Loved One, every Wednesday for four weeks, New Hall, St. Basil's Salvatorian Center, 30 East St., Methuen; Patti at Merrimack Valley Hospice, 800-475-8335 Ext. 4539.

Bereavement - Visiting Nurse Hospice will offer a bereavement support group for adults coping with the loss of a loved one. VNA of Middlesex-East & Visiting Nurse Hospice, Lakeside Office Park, 607 North Ave., second floor, room 17, Wakefield, Kathleen Sawyer, LICSW 718-224-3399.

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Richard M. Darwin

Korean War veteran had a business in Lawrence

Richard M. Darwin of Andover and Osterville, formerly of Brighton, died Dec. 9.

Mr. Darwin was an Army veteran of the Korean War.

He owned United Glass to Metal Ceiling Inc. in Lawrence.

Members of his family include his wife, Dorothy A. (Carey) Darwin; daughters

Carey E. Sullivan and her husband Paul of Windham, N.H.,

Susan M. Darwin and her husband Dean D'Eramo of

Grapevine, Texas, Laura A. Sullivan and her husband Donald of

Reading, Katie M. Darwin and her husband Patrick Liedtka of

Brooklyn, N.Y., and the late Michael R. Darwin; brother

John Darwin of Florida and Claver Terranova of North

Andover; 11 grandchildren; and one niece and one nephew.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michael R. Darwin Scholarship Fund, c/o

Austin Preparatory School, 101 Willow St., Reading, MA

01867; or to the Hematology/Oncology Dept., c/o Caritas

Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center, 70 East St.,

Methuen, MA 01844.

Funeral arrangements were by the Lehman & Reen Funeral

Home, 63 Chestnut Hill Ave., Brighton.

DEATHS

Nina G. Broderick, 73
Ruth M. Calandriello, 77
Richard M. Darwin
Katherine M. Faro, 86
Paul Gmyrek Jr., 69
Marguerite L. Schneider, 98

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Katherine M. Faro

Recent resident of Andover, worked at Lucent 29 years

Katherine M. Faro, 86, of Hallandale, Fla., died in November, 2006 at home with family beside her.

She was born in Lawrence

She was a lifelong resident of Methuen, and a recent resident

of Andover and Hallandale Beach, Fla.

Mrs. Faro was employed at Lucent Technologies for 29

years.

She was a member of St

Lucy's Parish.

She was a loving sister, devoted aunt and great-aunt, who always thought of others before herself. She can never be replaced in our hearts, her family said.

Mrs. Faro was the wife of the late Santo Faro of Methuen and sister of the late Andrew DiBiasi of Seabrook, N.H.

Members of her family include her sister, Rose Villetta of Hallandale, Fla.; a nephew, niece; and four great-nieces and nephews.

There are no calling hours.

Burial will take place at the Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Lawrence on Tuesday,

Dec. 19 at 8:30 a.m.

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

BRODERICK — Nina G. Broderick, 73, of Haverhill, died Thursday, Dec. 14 at home. Mrs. Broderick had been employed with the Internal Revenue Service in Andover for 20 years.

CALANDRIELLO — Ruth M. Calandriello, 77, of Atkinson, N.H., died Sunday, Dec. 10 at Caritas Holy Family Hospital, Methuen. Mrs. Calandriello had been employed as an executive secretary at Raytheon in Andover for 32 years.

GMYREK — Paul Gmyrek, 69, of Lawrence, died Tuesday, Dec. 5, at Caritas Holy Family Hospital in Methuen. Mr. Gmyrek had been employed at Elander Swanton and Partner Shoes.

SCHNEIDER — Marguerite L. Schneider, 98, of Kennebunk, Maine, died Monday, Dec. 11 at the St. Andrew's Health Care Facility in Biddeford, Maine, after a long illness. Members of her family include her son, Robert Schneider, of Andover.

First Light candle-lighting concert Sunday

The Merrimack Valley Hospice Foundation will present its annual First Light candle-lighting concert Sunday, Dec. 17, 7-9 p.m., at the Merrimack Valley Hospital, 70 Butler St., Haverhill. The concert will feature performances by local musicians and a candle-lighting ceremony.

The concert is free and open to the public. Tickets are available at the hospital or by calling 978-374-9257. For more information, call Nancy Thornton at 978-374-9257.

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ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago - 1906

Charles B. Baldwin of Summer Street is in Chicago, Ill.

The public schools close one week from today for the annual two weeks' vacation.

Mrs. H. O. Stevens of Littleton, N.H., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Joseph H. Lowd on Bartlett Street.

On next Wednesday evening the Florella Trio will give the third of their series of dancing parties in Pilgrim Hall.

Rev. George M. Cross, of Haverhill, will conduct the Vesper service at the Seminary church next Sunday afternoon.

Miss Alice A. Brown, a former commercial teacher in Punchard High, but now of Danvers, visited friends in town early in the week.

Charles L. White, superintendent of the Marland Mills, who has been spending several weeks at Moosehead Lakes, Maine, returned to Andover on Wednesday morning.

The young ladies of Punchard School have formed a hockey team and much interest is shown in the game. Miss Anne Coleman has been elected captain and has called out candidates for the team.

Prof. William H. Ryder will give a lecture on the Apostles' Creed at the South Church next Sunday evening.

If the weather conditions permit there will be a game of association football at Glen Forest on Saturday, between the Andover and Methuen elevens, for the championship of the Lawrence and Lowell division league.

Owing to certain unfortunate conditions, among which are the injury to one of the cast of the Dramatic Club and the impossibility of obtaining the Town Hall for a convenient night, the fall concert of the Phillips Academy students, which was to have been held a week before the Christmas vacation, has been postponed until some time in January; probably Jan. 22.

A meeting of the members of Punchard School was held on Thursday afternoon for the purpose of gaining knowledge regarding the issuances of a term newspaper and to act on the plan.

75 Years Ago - 1931

The originator and cartoonist of "Billy, the Boy Artist," Edward F. Payne, will give an unusual entertainment in Punchard Hall tonight. Mr. Payne will give a chalk talk and impersonations of the more familiar Dickens' characters.

In order to help defray the expenses of the 75th anniversary of Punchard School to be observed next June, a stunt night has been planned by the alumni association for Jan. 26 in Punchard Hall.

The regular monthly meeting

of the Shawheen Village Parent Teacher Association was held Wednesday evening in the school hall. It was announced that the association would again furnish the Christmas trees for the children and also that physical training teacher has been obtained under the same condition as last year.

Last winter a Boston newspaper, with commendable civic spirit, sponsored a statewide competition in beautification of our towns and countryside. Last Tuesday in Horticultural Hall, Boston, the prizes were announced before some 300 guests.

In order to clean up some of the misunderstandings prevalent about the Federal Public Works Act, the *Townsman* is here answering some of the questions that are being asked throughout town in connection with the plan the town will vote on, Monday evening.

The number of books issued for home use at the Memorial Hall Library during November was 7,250. Of this number, 2,213 were borrowed by the children from the junior room.

Dr. Helen I. McGillicuddy, educational secretary of the Massachusetts Society of Social Hygiene, spoke on "The Child and Its Morals" Wednesday evening at the meeting of the Andover Mothers' Club in Punchard High School hall.

Under the direction of William A. Russell of North Andover, 10 of the Andover Garden Club members demonstrated the making of Christmas wreaths at a meeting held Tuesday morning at the November Club house.

A five cent fare will be charged voters of Andover who use the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway special buses to attend the town meeting Monday night, according to information received yesterday.

The town warrant was thoroughly discussed last night at an open meeting held by the Legion in Legion Hall, with many important points being brought out. The pumping question and the school projects were the chief subjects brought up.

Four generations were present at the Thanksgiving observance held last month at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Taylor in Shawheen.

James Milnes, a student at the American International college, Springfield, is among those whose names appear on the president's mid-semester honor roll.

50 Years Ago - 1956

Furniture of most kinds, linens, china, and canned goods are urgently needed by the Andover Committee for Hungarian Relief.

All water and sewer connec-

tions will be installed by the town, as a result of the Board of Public Works action Monday night.

A special town meeting will be held Jan. 5 at 2 p.m. to clear away a slight zoning change, in preparation for welcoming the Sylvania-Corning Nuclear Corp. to West Andover.

Abbot Academy will close its fall term with the traditional Christmas four-day program.

The 61st annual Goldsmith speaking contest was held Dec. 5 in the Punchard High School auditorium with six students in the high school participating.

Civic and educational leaders gathered last week to begin discussions on the proposal that Andover install educational television.

A new committee has been appointed, at the direction of the town meeting, to study the practicality of collecting garbage through a municipal, rather than a private effort.

Mary Leader, a rising star of the one-woman theatre, will present dramatic interpretations entitled "Women of Destiny" at the November Club meeting Dec. 17, at the clubhouse on Locke Street at 3 p.m.

The clothing drive for Hungarian relief is continuing this week. Warm winter clothing is being solicited and will be sent to Philadelphia where the American Friends Society will take over shipping and distribution.

More than 450 Northeastern University ROTC Cadets were promoted in rank for the current academic year, Colonel M.D. Harris, ROTC commanding officer, has announced.

Raytheon Manufacturing Co. is in the process of renovating the Shawheen Mills. Company spokesmen said work is progressing on the extensive changes required to convert from textiles to electronics.

David C. Glendinning, 33, High St., has been elected to the governing committee of Insidormitory, Gile Hall, at Dartmouth College.

25 Years Ago - 1981

It could have been preserved as a farm, one of the last few remaining in Andover. Instead, the one-time apple orchard on South Main Street, zoned Single Residence B, may become the site of 26 single-family houses known as the "Turner Farm Estate."

The county commissioners are looking at Whispering Pines Way to possibly consider making it an accepted street after many years of controversy.

Deborah Susan Salois, Miss Massachusetts 1981-82, will be on Main Street, Andover, on Friday from 6 to 9 p.m. to mingle with customers celebrating the Andover Center Merchants Family Night.

The Andover League of Women Voters will hold its annual Holiday Brunch on Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 9-15 a.m. at the home of Ronnie Haarmann, 3 Brentwood Circle.

Jennifer Choate Strom has been named the new assistant children's librarian at Memorial Hall Library.

The new Ambulatory Procedures Area of Lawrence General Hospital, Lawrence, was designed for the convenience of the patient, focusing on fast service with minimal changes in pleasant surroundings, according to Alton W. Noyes, hospital director.

Annual town meeting will be returned to its traditional place on the calendar in 1982; the first session will begin Monday, April 26.

During a regular town meeting at Town Hall Monday night, the selectmen drew the names of 15 residents for jury duty.

Because many townspeople have asked to see the special gypsy moth committee report on what Andover can expect from the moths next spring, copies of the report are now available at Memorial Hall Library.

An Appleton, Conn. company has presented the town with 27,240 square feet of bare conversation is open space. The selectmen accepted the gift from Mr. and Mrs. Maurice E. Noyes Jr. Monday night, the gift located off Hot Rod Lane, managed by the Conservation Commission.

The annual Crafts Fair at Park, to benefit the Veterans Chapter of the American Legion, Service student exchange program will be held from May 1 to the seventh year of Sunday, May 5.

The Andover Board of Health, in cooperation with Lawrence General Hospital, is sponsoring an employee health risk appraisal program. The Lifestyle program consists of participants filling out a questionnaire that analyzes good lifestyle habits, as well as bad habits.

10 Years Ago - 1996

Fewer than 100 houses in town remained without power Wednesday morning in the wake of last weekend's storm, but Mass Electric expected to restore all service here by Wednesday night, according to Bill Flaherty, company spokesman.

Andover's new credit rating issued by Moody's Investors Service Inc. has already started saving the town money and will result in millions of dollars in savings over the next 20 years, according to town officials.

Former state Sen. Patricia McGovern, who now lives in Andover, confirmed this week she is planning to run for state

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OBITUARIES

The *Townsman* will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge.

The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here, but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived, when he or she died, and names of relatives in Andover.

Those who wish to have a complete obituary published about a person who did not live in Andover can pay for a death notice. The cost of a death notice depends on the length of the notice.

Questions? Call Jack Grady or Neil Faler at 978-475-7000.

Business

BRIEFS

After four decades of service, House of Clean to fold up shop

After four decades of business, the House of Clean at 77 Main St. is closing its doors Wednesday, Dec. 20.

Owner Nicholas Aznoian of Andover plans to retire from the dry cleaning business in the new year, according to his daughter, Leslie Aznoian, who also works at the shop. A family business, she said her father opened the shop about 40 years ago. Her sister and her aunt are also employed there.

"It was just time," said Leslie Aznoian, who lives in North Andover.

While the shop once had around 20 employees, Aznoian said they have been gradually downsizing since making the decision to close.

"And we stopped taking orders back in November," she added. "A lot of our customers were really sad to hear about the closing," Aznoian said. Her father declined to comment on the matter.

The Aznoians own the Main Street building across from CVS that houses House of Clean, as well as the family's real estate business, 77 Main Street Realty. Aznoian said there were no plans to close their real estate office.

April Guilmet

CPA firm named best of best

Feeley & Driscoll, P.C., a 110 person Boston-based regional certified public accounting and business consulting firm, was recognized by Inside Public Accounting as Best Of The Best. The only firm in New England to be acknowledged in 2006, Feeley & Driscoll has been named to the list five of the last six years.

Thomas M. Feeley, managing partner of Feeley & Driscoll P.C., is a resident of Andover.

Chosen from several hundred accounting firms, Feeley & Driscoll has been recognized as one of the 25 best-managed and most successful accounting firms in the nation.

"Inside Public Accounting's Best Of The Best designation is an elite honor because it's based entirely on fiscal and operational performance," IPA Publisher Michael Platt said in a release. "These 25 firms are at the top of their game, and are operating in 'the zone' of exceptional performance."

Couture named assistant VP

Daniel E. Couture has been promoted to assistant vice president in Merchant Services at TD Banknorth Massachusetts in Andover. He will continue to be responsible for acquiring new merchant account business throughout the Merrimack Valley of Massachusetts and supporting existing customer relations.

Couture joined TD Banknorth in 2004 and has seven years in banking. He is a member of the Sandler Sales Institute.

A Merrimack, N.H. resident, Couture volunteers with Special Olympics New Hampshire. He is a 1998 graduate of Union College in Schenectady.

Holiday networking mixer

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will present "A Happy Holiday" Business Networking Mixer on Tuesday, Dec. 19 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St., Andover. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served. The cost is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. Call 978-686-0900 for more information.

CVS explains Medicare Part D

To help seniors better understand the Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage benefit, CVS/pharmacy has been offering free educational resources at all CVS/pharmacy stores, according to a release from the company.

The final "Medicare Tuesday" will be this Tuesday, Dec. 19. CVS/pharmacy staff in stores nationwide has been guiding seniors through the process of reviewing information and resources for Medicare Part D. There is a CVS on Main Street in Andover.

Members of the Pharmacy Team will help seniors address key questions such as:

- What is the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit?
- Am I eligible for Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage?
- Should I join a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan?
- I enrolled in a plan for 2006, should I switch?

The investor's researcher

Floyd Greenwood returns to Andover with primary research firm

By April Guilmet

After years working on Wall Street, an Andover native has returned to his old stomping grounds to open his primary research firm.

Early last summer, Floyd Greenwood moved his firm, Greenwood Research, from New York City to Two Dundee Park in Andover. Working on a subscription basis, the firm works with asset managers, private equity firms and investment banks, among others. It also offers custom consulting and Greenwood said he assists investors by matching them with experienced professionals in the industries in which they are interested.

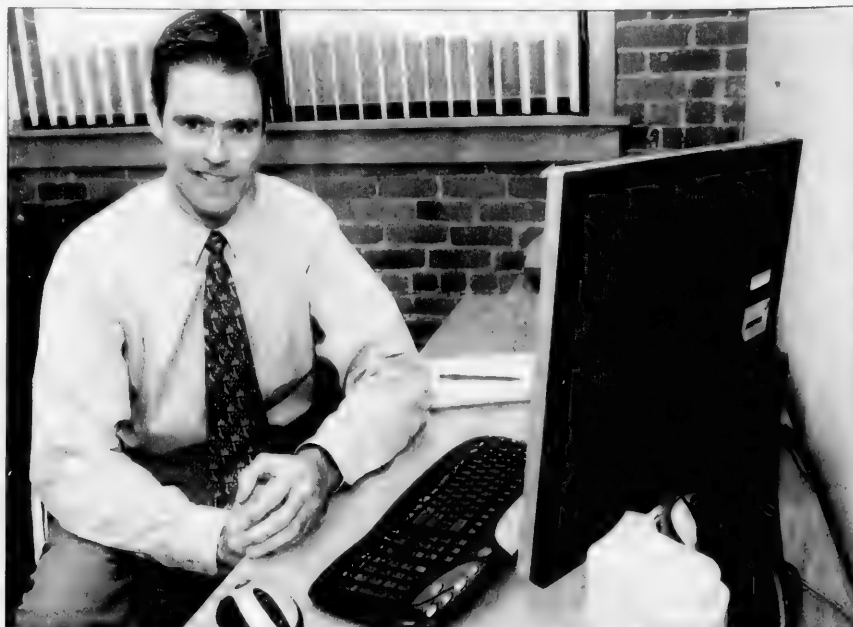
"We provide research to institutional investors and other decision makers by giving them access to people who are experts in what they do," Greenwood said.

For example, Greenwood said, a client who'd invested in manufacturing would be introduced to someone in the manufacturing field. The person might be a retired executive, a university professor or simply someone who works with the specific product on a regular basis.

"We do a fair amount of background research," he added.

Due to the competitive and confidential nature of the business, Greenwood was unable to share specifics of current projects.

"But let's say you wanted to understand the impact of RFID devices, which are implanted into products by retailers," Greenwood



Floyd Greenwood has started his own business called Greenwood Research at 2 Dundee Park.

said, adding that retail giants such as WalMart are increasingly requiring manufacturers to put these inventory control devices into many of their products. "So we'd find someone who's familiar with this technology - not just the technology but its implementation and the ramifications of its use."

Greenwood said his firm can also help companies trying to understand if a proposed new product will be successful.

"Suppose a soft drink company was about to market a new energy drink," he said.

"We'd talk to people familiar with the various pieces of the underlying value chain. This includes raw materials, manufacturing, bottling, distribution and retailing," Greenwood said. "We're in the business of helping our clients make better, more informed decisions."

A 1993 graduate of the Univer-

sity of Chicago School of Business, Greenwood worked in the telecommunications industry for several years, and this led him to Wall Street, he said. He was also employed as a research analyst with Prudential Industries.

Greenwood currently has two full-time employees, and others work for the firm on a contract basis. He said the firm currently serves a select group of clients, mostly large investors.

Despite construction, 2007 water at 1993 prices

■ WATER TREATMENT

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\$302 a year, the Andover resident pays less than the average resident in all bordering communities except Lawrence and Methuen. Andover's water rates are in the lower third statewide.

Both Lawrence and Methuen are currently in the process of completing major capital projects related to either improving or replacing their water treatment plants and will continue to have the lowest rates out of the seven communities even after proposed increases this year.

Pollano credits good management of water-division-related capital projects as a reason why Andover hasn't had to hike water rates in 14 years. But even more important, he said, is Andover's water-sales relationship with North Reading, which results in roughly \$1 million in revenue for the town's water division each year.

"A lot of it has to do with water sales to other communities," Pollano said. "That certainly helps."

The agreement with North Reading, in place since the early 1990s, allows for up to 1.65 million gallons a day to be used by Andover's neighbor to the south. The agreement calls for North Reading residents to pay the same rate as Andover residents, plus an additional 20 percent, according to Pollano.

"You have to have the interconnections and you need to have the capacity," said Pollano. "It's a good agreement for Andover, and it's a good agreement for North Reading as well."

In fiscal year 2006, Andover earned \$1.1 million in revenue from the 347 million gallons of water it provided North Reading, the largest amount since the agreement began.

Pollano said that, in the past, Andover has supplied parts of North Andover and Tewksbury with their water needs as well.

"Any time you can produce at your marginal rate, it's pure profit. And that's what we're doing," said Public Works Director Jack Petkus. "There's no extra labor. The only extra costs are chemicals and electricity to manufacture and pump the water."

Petkus said some residents have complained about the agreement with North Reading, but Pollano said Andover's water needs always take precedent.

"They have to be a tier below us in terms of conservation," Pollano said. "It's that kind of an agreement ... The Andover public comes first in any event."

The Andover plant produces between 4 million and 15 million gallons of water a day, depending on the season, said Petkus, and 2 billion gallons annually.

The plant produces just under 5.5 million gallons a day this time of year, estimated Pollano.

Funding for the ozone system upgrade was provided at 2004 Town Meeting, and it was initially thought that water rates would eventually be increased in 2008 due to the project's costs.

But Pollano said that the project was completed under budget, negating the need to increase rates.

Current construction at the plant, funded at 2005 Town Meeting, is estimated

to be completed next summer and includes the renovation of six filters and the addition of two new ones, which will increase overall flexibility in water production, since the plant is required to produce at near maximum capacity during the summer months. The two new filters will give the plant added flexibility if there is a sudden demand for more water production, or if one of the tanks must be shut down for maintenance purposes, according to Pollano.

Two 30-year-old backwash pumps will also be replaced during the current project.

The old ozone system that was replaced last year - and which turns liquid oxygen into ozone during the water-treatment process - was also several decades old, said Petkus.

"You have to keep up with technology," said Petkus. "In the water business, that's pretty ancient technology."



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AHS ROUNDUP

Off and running

Lady Warriors open with 33 unanswered points; boys hoop team tramples Methuen; track teams win

By Rick Harrison

LANA COHEN, LAUREN HUGHES AND LAURA RENFRO all hit double figures as the Andover High girls varsity basketball team broke out to an improbable 33-0 lead on the way to a season-opening 70-26 romp over visiting Merrimack Valley Conference rival Dracut on Tuesday night at the Dunn Gym.

The AHS boys hoopsters also got off to a flying start with a 65-36 MVC triumph over host Methuen on Tuesday night. Ian Dempsey and Tristan Shannon sparking the offense with 17 points each.

Both Warriors' indoor track teams posted MVC dual-meet wins over Billerica by near-identical scores Tuesday at the Collins Field House.

Junior Jess Forster's double victory highlighted a 46-40 season-opening win for the girls, while first-place finishes by distance runners Frank Perrone and Pete Shaw keyed a 45.5 to

ANDOVER SCORING GIRLS HOCKEY (1 game)

	G	A	Pts
Becky Cairns	1	0	1
Laura Drew	0	1	1
Sarah Oteri	0	1	1

40.5 decision for the boys.

On the ice, the girls varsity hockey team skated to a 1-1 standoff with Marblehead.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Senior forward and Capt. Becky Cairns scored just 56 seconds after the opening faceoff, but that's all the offense the Andover High girls' varsity hockey team could muster in a season-opening 1-1 tie with host Marble-

head in non-league play at Salem State College's O'Keefe Center Rink.

"We're still feeling our way along and finding out what each player can do," said AHS head coach Bill McCarthy. "We'll be competitive. We have strong goal-tending and won't cough up too many games. We'll grind it out and hopefully get some bounces."

"As for the first game, it wasn't a loss and we'll gladly take the point."

Schedule

The Lady Warriors returned to action last night (Wednesday), after Townsman presstime, hosting Westford Academy (1-0) in another non-leaguer at the Phillips Academy Harrison Rink.

Westford won its opener over Chelmsford, 3-1, as Chrissy Connor

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Becky Cairns of Andover brought the puck across center ice as the Andover High girls hockey team hosted Everett on Feb. 19, 2005. Andover won, 8-0. Cairns, who now has more than 130 career points finished with 20 goals and 38 points last season.

AHS PREVIEWS

Girls hockey team will rely on defense

By Rick Harrison

The Townsman takes a look at the Andover High girls' hockey team for the 2006-2007 season. The team is coached by Bill McCarthy and will play its home games at the Phillips Academy Harrison Rink.

GIRLS HOCKEY

The Andover High girls' hockey team is looking for a successful season and makeovers this season.

"We have to change our whole perspective and mindset," said McCarthy, the year head coach Bill McCarthy. "It's a starting point and we need to see a lot of potential for continued success."

After reaching the MIAA State Division 1 championship in straight years, the Lady Warriors have been relegated to Division 2 by excellence by being booted up to Division 1.

"This time around I don't see us blowing anyone out of the water," McCarthy said. "We'll definitely be competitive," and McCarthy said the team is going to take baby steps to get where they want to be.

AHS finished last season at 16-5-2, winning the Metro North League by placing first in the Metro North League that winter season. The team won the League crown two years ago.

The locals then pounded Westford Academy 6-1 and Everett 4-1 in the tournament before dropping a 4-3 decision to Chelmsford in the state semifinals.

The previous two seasons Andover lost to Everett in the state semis. Mary's of Exeter in the state semis.

"Last year we definitely should have won," said McCarthy. "We were strong enough to be state champs."

Six outstanding seniors, four forwards and two defensemen, including the leading scorer in the brief history of the program.

"This year our strength is more centered around defense," McCarthy said. "We have two goaltenders I feel could start the season in state."

"Offense wins games, but defense wins championships," McCarthy said.

Those two netminders are senior goaltenders, Lauren Cahill, who recorded eight shutouts last season, and Meghan Poirer.

In addition to the eight who played last season, McCarthy said the team has eight other games and overall record of 16-5-2, averaging 1.5 goals per game.

At the same time the locals lost to Chelmsford 4-3 in the state semifinals. McCarthy said the team is hard-pressed to match or surpass the results.


The top returning point producer is senior forward Becky Cairns, who finished with 20 goals and 38 points last season. She has more than 130 career points.

Other captains are senior defensemen, Lauren Cahill and Meghan Poirer.

SHOOTOUT WINNERS



The sixth-grade boys travel basketball team participated in the three-day James Hood Turkey Shootout in Tewksbury last month, beating Westford in the championship game after competing against various area towns. Front left: Alex Kramer and Liam Doherty; (second row, from left) Ken Miyachi and Chris Dunn; (back row, from left) Sam Dowden, C.J. Scarpa, Wil Heikenen, Joe Danish, Danny Caveney, Dustin Hunt, and Jake Flaherty; and coaches Keith Caveney and Carmen Scarpa.



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AHS ROUNDUP

■ GIRLS HOCKEY

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netted two goals and netminder Ariss Lyons made 30 saves.

"They're probably looking for some payback after last year's tournament game (6-0 Andover win)," said McCarthy earlier this week. "Hopefully they won't get it."

The locals have another tough assignment Saturday when they host Billerica in the league opener at PA (4:30 p.m.).

Andover 1
Marblehead 1

It looked like Andover might be setting up for a romp when Cairns connected in the first minute of the season.

The locals won the opening faceoff and worked the puck around in the Headers' end before Cairns scored on a second rebound during a scrum at the goalmouth.

Assists went to a pair of first-year varsity forwards, freshman Sarah Oteri and 8th-grader Laura Drew.

Marblehead pulled even with its only goal at 9:51 of the second stanza, taking advantage of a turnover in the AHS defensive zone.

"We outplayed them for the first 56 seconds - and then let

down," said coach McCarthy wryly. "We were flat and lethargic in the second period - before bouncing back nicely to dominate the third period" (10-3 shooting edge).

"We had a couple of tremendous scoring opportunities in the final period - but couldn't find the back of the net."

"It was the first varsity game for a very young team (roster includes seven 8th graders, three freshmen, seven sophomores)," said McCarthy. "We tried to give everybody ice time - but had to shorten the bench and go for the win after the second period."

Senior All-Conference goaltender Christina Cahill made 14 saves, as Andover finished with a 31-15 overall shooting edge.

GIRLS
BASKETBALL

Dracut did not score a point for the first 10 minutes of the game, with Andover jumping ahead 16-0 in the opening 3:47 and 33-0 before settling in for a commanding 37-10 halftime lead in the 70-26 romp over the visiting Middies.

and inside the Dunn Gym during home games this season, and Saturday afternoons at the Collins Field House during Andover Church Basketball League games.

To find out more about the T-shirts contact any AHS team member.

Proceeds benefit the AHS basketball program.

Andover 70
Dracut 26

Another 21-0 run gave the locals a 58-10 lead before the starters were pulled for good three minutes into the second half.

"We shot really well, covered well, ran well and made great passes," said head coach Jim Tildsley.

Junior guard Ilana Cohen was the top scorer with 13 points off the bench, while junior center Lauren Hughes added 12 and junior guard Laura Renfro had 11 points, three assists.

Capt. Maggie Cosgrove contributed seven points, nine assists and three steals in limited time.

Chalking up six points each were senior guard Sarah LoMedico and junior forward Amanda Fantini (seven rebounds, two steals).

Junior guard Meghan Thomann finished with five points, seven boards, four assists and three steals.

Junior forward Camille Fantini had four points, nine rebounds and four steals, while Catherine LoMedico also notched four points.

Junior guard Kelly Driscoll had a bucket and three assists; junior forward Jordy Shoemaker six rebounds and senior forward Kasey O'Dea four assists, one steal.

Jen Brown, Stephanie Rollo and Tracy Aifuwa scored six points apiece for Dracut.

ANDOVER 70, DRACUT 26
at Dunn Gym, Andover

Dracut - Picano 0-1-1, Tracy Aifuwa 3-0-6, Malonis 1-0-2, Stephanie Rollo 3-0-6, Becca Conway 0-1-1, Shannon 1-0-2, Jen Brown 2-2-6, Ronan 1-0-2.

Totals: 11-4-26. Andover - Sarah LoMedico 3-0-6, Kasey O'Dea 0-0-0, Maggie Cosgrove 3-1-7, Amanda Fantini 2-2-6, Meghan Thomann 2-0-5, Ilana Cohen 5-1-13, Jordy Shoemaker 0-0-0, Lauren Hughes 6-0-12, Kelly Driscoll 1-0-2, Laura Renfro 5-0-11, Catherine LoMedico 1-2-4, Camille Fantini 2-0-4, Kit Heinrich 0-0-0. Totals: 30-6-70.

Halftime: Andover, 37-10, 3-pointers: A. Cohen 2, Thomann 1, Renfro 1. Rebounds: A. CFantini 9, AFantini 7, Thomann 7, Shoemaker 6. Assists: A. Cosgrove 9, O'Dea 4, Thomann 4, Driscoll 3, Renfro 3. Steals: A. CFantini 4, Thomann 3, Cosgrove 3, AFantini 2, O'Dea 1. Records: Andover 1-0, Dracut 0-1.

tinued to dominate host Methuen over the final 16 minutes of the 65-36 romp.

Schedule

Andover hosts Haverhill (1-0) tomorrow night and Dracut next Tuesday (both 7:30 p.m. games).

The Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament opener (quarterfinal) is Saturday, Dec. 23 versus North Andover at the North Andover Field House.

Andover 65
Methuen 36

Senior guard/Capt. Ian Dempsey (three 3-pointers) and junior forward Tristan Shannon led eight Golden Warriors into the scoring column with 17 points each.

"It was a solid defensive effort," said Andover head coach Dave Fazio. "Overall it was an outstanding performance by 10 players. Everyone got into the game and everyone contributed."

Junior guard Derrick Beasley tossed in nine points, senior guard Jason Perry seven, junior forward Chris Abreu six, junior forward Zach Burdeau four, junior forward Peter White three and junior swingman Greg Cook two.

The locals limited Methuen to only nine field goals in the entire game - one more than Shannon scored by himself - and no Methuen player scored double figures.

Sebastian Patino led the Rangers with nine points, Edwin Gonzalez added eight and Romeo Diaz seven.

ANDOVER 65, METHUEN 36
at Methuen

Andover - Sam Hutchins 0-0-0, Jason Perry 3-1-7, Ian Dempsey 6-2-17, Derrick Beasley 4-1-9, Greg Cook 1-0-2, Tristan Shannon 8-1-17, Peter White 1-1-3, Chris Abreu 2-2-6, Zach Burdeau 2-0-4. Totals: 27-8-65.

Methuen - Sebastian Patino 3-1-9, Romeo Diaz 1-5-7, Matt Merritt 2-1-5, Edwin Gonzalez 2-3-8, Rob Soucy 1-0-2, David Koerner 0-3-3, Matt Richardson 0-2-2. Totals: 9-15-36. Halftime: Andover, 32-14, 3-pointers: A. Dempsey 3, M. Patino 2, Gonzalez 1. Records: Andover 1-0, Methuen 0-1.

INDOOR TRACK

Jess Forster was the only double winner in the meet, capturing the 50-yard hurdles and high jump, as the Andover High girls varsity track team nipped MVC rival Billerica, 46-40.

Six first-place finishes on the boys side were huge in the 45.5 to 40.5 triumph for reigning conference Division 1 champ Andover.

Both meets were wrapped up in the Golden Warriors' favor before Billerica won the final 4x400 relay.

Schedule

The Andover boys battle Dracut next Tuesday afternoon at the Collins (3:30 p.m.).

Both local teams face Chelmsford in dual-meet action on Jan. 3 at the Collins Field House (3:30).

Andover girls 46
Billerica 40

Versatile junior standout Forster won the 50 hurdles in

8.0 seconds and cleared the high jump bar at 5 feet to account for 10 AHS points.

Other winners for the Lady Warriors were sprinters Christina Muccio in the 50 dash (6.4) and sophomore Melissa Knapp in the 300 dash (41.7), invinc-

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Feasting on awards at the
Andover High football banquet

Numerous awards were presented at the 2006 Andover High football banquet held last weekend at Andover Country Club.

Junior quarterback/defensive back/punter Mike Pierce received the Richard Collins team MVP Award.

A special Golden Warrior Award for continued hard work and dedication to the program went to former AHS Super Bowl-er and All-Scholastic Glenn Verrette, who is now a volunteer assistant coach.

The complete list of award winners:

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GOLDEN WARRIOR FOOTBALL
AWARDS BANQUET
at Andover Country Club

Outstanding JV Player

Riki Retelle

Scout Team Award

Vinnie Christiano

Special Teams Award

Kevin Hitchko

Unsung Hero Award

Mike Tanner

Offensive Coaches Award

Ken Masse

Defensive Coaches Award

Jonathan Crush

Most Dedicated Player

Corey Steele

John Curtin Sportsmanship Award

Greg Moore

Outstanding Defensive Back

Jeff Martin

Mike Marinaro

Outstanding Defensive Lineman

Gordon DuBois

Ma. William Walsh

Outstanding Offensive Lineman

Brandon Cooney

Richard Bourdelais

Outstanding End

Chris Abreu

Glenn Verrette

Outstanding Offensive Player

Matt Rayner

Jerry Stabile

Outstanding Defensive Player

Joel Israel

Richard Collins

Most Valuable Player

Mike Pierce

Golden Warrior

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Coach Glenn Verrette

Andover Meritorious Certificates

Coach Bob Fitzmaurice; Coach Derrick Beasley

MVC All-Conference

First Team

Mike Pierce, Matt Rayner, Jon Crush,

Gordon DuBois, Sam Clark

Second Team

Zack Kutchin, Brandon Cooney, Mike Morander, Ken Masse,

Brendan Hughes

Honorable Mention

Jeff Martin, Peter Hanson, Chris Abreu, Mike Ruth, Joe Lat-

tari, Corey Steele

MVC Lineman of Year

Joel Israel

All-Scholastic

Joel Israel

Game Footballs

Zack Kutchin (North Andover); Matt Rayner (Austin Prep); Mike Morander (Billerica); Joe Lattari (Haverhill); Brendan Hughes (Tewksbury); Sam Clark (Methuen); Mike Ruth (Marblehead); Peter Hanson (Central Catholic).

ANDOVER SCORING

GIRLS BASKETBALL
(1 game)

	FG	FT	Pts.
Ilana Cohen	5	1	13
Lauren Hughes	6	0	12
Laura Renfro	5	0	11
Maggie Cosgrove	3	1	7
Amanda Fantini	2	2	6
Sarah LoMedico	3	0	6
Meghan Thomann	2	0	5
Camille Fantini	2	0	4
Catherine LoMedico	1	2	4
Kelly Driscoll	1	0	2

3-pointers: Ilana Cohen 2, Laura Renfro 1, Meghan Thomann 1.

BOYS BASKETBALL
(1 game)

	FG	FT	Pts.
Ian Dempsey	6	2	17
Tristan Shannon	8	1	17
Derrick Beasley	4	1	9
Jason Perry	3	1	7
Chris Abreu	2	2	6
Zack Burdeau	2	0	4
Peter White	1	1	3
Greg Cook	1	0	2

3-pointers: Ina Dempsey 3.

Schedule

AHS hosts Lawrence tonight at the Dunn and plays the first of five straight away games tomorrow night at Haverhill (both 7:30 p.m.).

Andover also drew Lawrence in the first (quarterfinal) round of the eight-team Greater Lawrence Holiday Tournament, and will face the Lancers on Saturday, Dec. 23 at Methuen High (4:15 p.m.).

T-shirt
sales

Andover High hoop t-shirts will be on sale at tables outside

BOYS
BASKETBALL

The issue was never in doubt as the Andover High boys varsity basketball team moved out to a 32-14 halftime lead, and con-

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AHS PREVIEWS

■ WINTER VARSITY SPORTS

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son Burns and junior blueliner/Asst. Capt. Tricia Martin.

Additional veterans are sophomore Danielle Paonessa on defense, sophomore twin sister Heather Paonessa at forward, sophomore forward Sarah Ostrofsky, senior forward/defenseman Samantha Monson, sophomore forward Katie Shields, sophomore forward Janette Doucette and sophomore goaltender Rachel Bergan.

Freshman newcomers are forwards Sarah Oteri, Nicole Giroux and Theresa Latona.

AHS petitioned for and was granted the right to once again sign up middle-schoolers to complete the 23-player varsity roster.

This year's bumper crop of eighth-graders includes defenders Laura Cahill and Meghan Pierce, along with forwards Ali-

cia Nader, Caitlin Sanikos, Laura Drew, Lea Macheras and Jill Manning.

"We looked for the toughest possible Division 1 schedule we could put together," said McCarthy.

The regular season opened last weekend with a 1-1 non-league tie at Marblehead. (See AHS ROUNDUP, page 25, for details.)

The next six games (through Jan. 6) are all on home ice, Phillips Academy's Harrison Rink, beginning with last night's clash with Westford Academy.

Ten of the final 13 games are on the road.

McCarthy, whose AHS teams have qualified for the MIAA Tournament five straight years, feels the toughest opposition will come from Arlington, Billerica and Masconomet Regional with Waltham a potential "sleepers" team.

Assistant coaches are Paul Sacco and Biff Shea.

BOYS SWIM & DIVE

Last year was simply the most successful in the history of the Andover High boys swim and dive program.

The Golden Warriors put together an undefeated 9-0-1 regular season, tying arch-nemesis Chelmsford for the Merrimack Valley Conference dual-meet championship (3-0-1) after the two powers swam to a rare 93-93 deadlock in the February finale.

Head coach Mark Taffe's AHS squad then placed second (to Chelmsford) in the MVC Championship Meet, 7th at the North Sectionals and 6th in the All-State Division 1 Meet.

The locals preserved their unbeaten record with two other tight late-season non-league wins over Lexington (86-84) and Acton-Boxboro (93-92).

Although it will not be an easy year to duplicate, the Golden Warriors graduated only seven seniors led by big-meet multi-event scorer Rob Medaglio.

Also gone are Justin Ferguson, Mike Stewart, Brian O'Connor, Pat Delacoste, Matt Biles and diver Joe Savoca.

"We have a solid group of 19 returners among our 24 on the roster," said Taffe. "There are quite a few kids that swim year-round and have a lot of club-team experience as well."

"We should be especially strong in the IM (individual medley), breaststroke and distance freestyle events. We're still searching for sprint freestylers."

Taffe begins his ninth season at the Andover helm with a solid 56-26-1 overall won-lost-tied record.

There are only two seniors on the squad, along with 10 juniors, seven sophomores and five freshman newcomers.

The seniors are Capt. Dave Espindle (200 IM, 100 backstroke) and Kevin O'Donnell

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Peter Saunders competed in the butterfly event as the Andover High boys swim and dive team hosted Haverhill on Feb. 4, 2005. Saunders, one of 10 juniors, will swim in the sprint free and 100 fly events this winter. He finished top 6 in the 100 butterfly and 50 free at the Sectional and State Meets last February.

AHS ROUNDUP

■ INDOOR TRACK

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ble senior Rachel Fox the 600 run (1:32.4) and Colleen Shannon the 1000 run (2:58.4).

Muccio, a junior, is a former standout gymnast who made the switch to track this winter.

Fox won her race by a whopping six seconds over Billerica runner-up Chelsea Sordello (1:39.3), while Shannon out-kicked the Indians' Kristin Chirichetti (2:59.7) at the finish.

AHS collected 26 huge points by sweeping the 50 hurdles and 300 while going 1-2 in the 50.

Caroline Hodge (8.2) and senior Tamar Brady (8.2) completed the sweep of the hurdles, junior Sarah York (42.3) and Vanessa Singleton (43.1) were 2-3 in the 300 and junior Bizzy DiTroia runner-up in the 50 dash (6.6).

Also placing second for the locals was shot putter Jillian Licciardelli (27'2").

Additional thirds went to Laura Cody in the 600 run (1:39.3) and senior Christina Conley in the 1000 run (3:02.2).

Billerica dominated the distance races, sweeping the mile and two-mile and winning the 4x400 relay.

**Andover boys 45.5
Billerica 40.5**

The victors placed 1-3 in both the mile and two-mile, with senior Frank Perrone (4:53.8) and Tom McQuillan scoring in the mile while senior ace Peter Shaw (10:22.7) and Jonathan Morgan did likewise in the deuce.

Also placing first for Andover were senior hurdler Randy Labrecque (7.4), freshman flash Chris McConnell in the 50 dash (5.6), junior Mike Murray in the 600 run (1:22.0) and senior high jumper Andrew Wheelwright (5'9").

Finishing second were junior Santi Costello (300), Peter Roman (1000) and shot putter Sean Donlan.

Others placing third were senior hurdler Matt McMahon, Rob Martin (600), Mike Primes (1000), high jumper John Bigelow (tie) and senior shot putter J.B. Israel.

Christmas brings hope

Christians celebrate the birthday of Jesus Christ on Dec. 25.

The word Christmas comes from the Old English "Cristes Maesse." It means Christ's Mass, a special church service for Christ. The holiday celebrates the birth of Jesus over 2,000 years ago.

The Bible tells about the miraculous birth of the son of God. According to the Gospels, an angel told Mary that she would be the mother of the expected savior, called the Messiah or Christ.

The child, Jesus, was born in Bethlehem near Jerusalem.

An angel told shepherds camping nearby that the savior had just been born. The shepherds hurried into the town. They found Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus in a humble stable.

Wise men from the East read prophecies of the coming of the Messiah. They followed a star to Bethlehem to deliver gifts to the child.

Jesus grew up to become a religious teacher. He taught about how to have a relationship with God. However, his message was not welcomed by everyone. Authorities killed Jesus.

Christians believe that Jesus rose from the dead, defeating death and providing the way for eternal life in heaven for his believers.

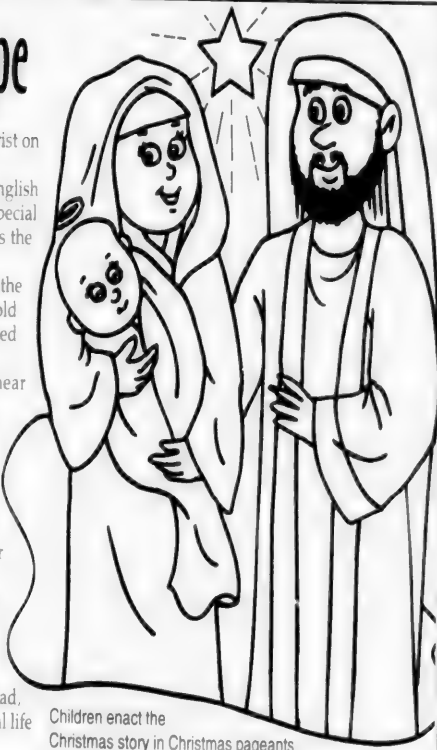
Christmas has many traditional symbols.

The **star** represents the star that guided the wise men to Bethlehem.

A **manger** holds hay for farm animals. It represents the humble birth of the savior of the world.

Candles light the way for the Christ child. They also represent light coming into a world of darkness.

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The 24th Annual Scott Heseltine Hockey Tournament

Locals win 2, lose 1 in tournament

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Andover opened the tournament with an exciting 3-2 win over rival North Andover. Michael Reilly put Andover on the board first with an unassisted breakaway goal. Matt Croston increased the lead to 2-0 with another unassisted goal. After North Andover cut the lead in half with a goal late in the first period, Reilly answered with his

second goal, assisted by Patrick McHardy. North Andover battled back scoring midway through the third period.

However, that was as close as they would get; the Knights were stymied by goaltender Andrew Soucy.

On Saturday, Andover played their best game of the tournament, defeating a feisty squad from North Reading, 5-2. The Warriors got goals from five different players, Jeff Hunt, E.J. Perry, Peter O'Connell, Mikey Comeau and Ryan Flanagan.

Comeau's goal was the game-winner, as he scored on a penalty shot early in the third period. Michael Reilly chipped in with two assists. Brendan Croston, Patrick McHardy, Mikey Comeau, Peter O'Connell and Matt Croston added solo assists. The Andover defense, led by Greg Partyka, Patrick

McHardy, Jeff Hunt, and Patrick Reilly, played very well in front of Andrew Soucy, who had another strong game in the nets.

On Sunday, South Boston and star player Bill Czar's four goals were too much for Andover as the locals lost, 6-3, eliminating the host team from the tournament. Andover stayed close, matching Southie goal for goal for the first half of the game with scores from Michael Reilly, E.J. Perry and Mikey Comeau. McHardy and Reilly added assists.

Marblehead won the tournament for the first time since 2001, after reaching the finals the previous three years.

They defeated the tired South Boston team, 5-1, for the championship.

The tournament closed with members of the Heseltine family presenting trophies to players on both teams.

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■ BOYS SWIM & DIVE

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(IM, 100 back, sprint free).

The junior group includes Christian Bishop (distance free, 100 back), Dave Delisio (sprint free), Tom Demers (distance

free), Zach Hamer (100 breaststroke, IM), Andrew Genetti (100 butterfly, 100 back), Adam Kleger (freestyle), Peter Li (sprint free, 100 back, IM), Tim Russell (100 breast) and Peter Saunders (sprint free, 100 fly).

Sophomore returners are state champ Nick D'Innocenzo (IM, 100 breast, freestyle), diver Peter Wakeling, Kevin Mullen (sprint, distance free), Mike Bakies (sprint, distance free, 100 back), Yubo Liu (sprint free,

100 fly, IM), Steve Moore (sprint free) and Craig Schwarz (sprint free, 100 breast).

The freshman quintet is Colin Trepicchio (freestyle), diver Brad Samuels (also 100 breast), Adam Millerick (sprint, distance free), Pete Belanger (freestyle) and Paul Hunter (100 back, freestyle).

D'Innocenzo is the reigning State Division 1 champ in both the 200 IM and 100 breaststroke.

Saunders finished top 6 in the 100 butterfly and 50 free at the Sectional and State Meets last February.

The regular dual-meet season opens tomorrow (Friday) at home versus non-league Belmont (3:30 p.m.).

The MVC lifter is Jan. 3 at home against Central Catholic.

All home meets are again at the Greater Lawrence Vo-Tech pool.

The locals will also participate in the non-scoring Haverhill Holiday Classic on Dec. 28, a special meet to keep the athletes sharp over the otherwise meet-less extended vacation period.

In addition to Belmont, other non-league opponents are BC High, Lexington, Acton-Boxboro and Xaverian High of Westwood.

Taffe feels Chelmsford, as always, will be strong in the MVC along with Central Catholic (big turnout) and possibly Haverhill.

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WOMEN'S 10 SPEED bike, Jamis Explorer, 14.5. Men's 10 speed bikes, Expedition 17. Helmet with each. \$400/best. each bike. Great Christmas gifts. (781) 485-5506

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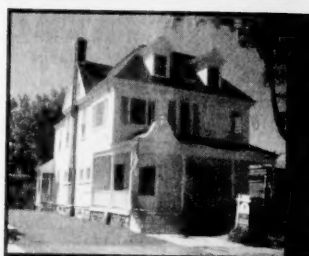
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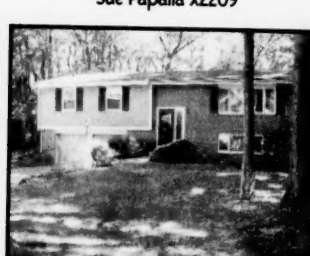
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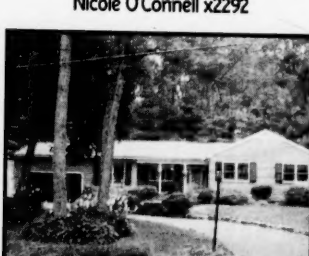
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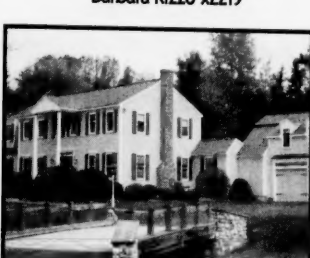
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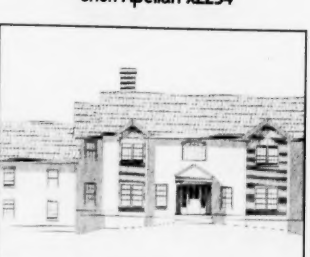
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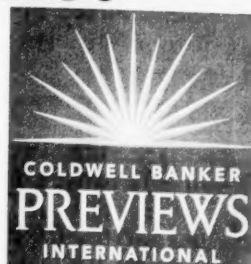
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THE BACK PAGE

McNulty boys show how one teacher can affect many lives



Bill Dalton

Last June, I wrote a column about Bernard Kellmurray, Punchard High/Andover's great English teacher. I continue to have responses to that column. E-mails received from the McNulty brothers are particularly poignant right now.

The McNultys spent much of their childhood in Lawrence, but lived in Andover for a time before moving to their separate careers. There were three brothers, Jack, Jim and Tom, and in that order they graduated from Punchard in '44, '49, and '51. Before attending Punchard, they'd attended structured Catholic schools. The move to Andover was a cultural change for them, both in terms of the difference between Lawrence and Andover and the entrance into the relatively unstructured Punchard.

Jack, the oldest, spent only his senior year at Punchard, and says, "I transferred to Punchard after three years at Central Catholic. It was a shock for me. I was a target for derision as 'the boogie woogie king' in a town where the locals still wore white socks with shorter pants, while Lawrence guys wore peg pants, dressing like Mafia goodfellows. My yearbook picture indicated I was the 'class best dancer', but nothing about scholarship."

But Jack isn't really complaining about his time at Punchard — quite the contrary. He goes on, "I had Mr. Kellmurray at Punchard. It was a rare and wonderful experience. From Central I had a pretty good grounding in English lit. He proved me wrong and would not accept my 'skating' through his class. He brought Shakespeare to life and his suggested reading list was eclectic and opened new vistas. Just in time! In 1944 I was off to war and I rarely returned to Andover again. Although I never went to college, I had confidence in writing a decent paragraph or two in my business career because of him! I heard his prim and proper voice just now, as I read your piece. He was a loving, caring mentor.

"He really stretched us, [all three brothers] were influenced and challenged by Kell."

Before I continue the McNulty story, allow me to describe Kellmurray by borrowing from an earlier column about him, which people can find at www.billdaltononline.com under "favorites."

Bernard M. Kellmurray's eyeglasses were thicker than a finger. To read, he had almost to touch the front of his lenses to a book. The glasses distorted his eyes, making them far too large when he looked at you... He was legally blind. Above his glasses was a broad, high forehead and short blond hair, overall giving the impression — correctly so — of great intelligence. He suffered from a cardiovascular problem, in the middle of class, he'd perspire profusely, and his color, usually chalk-white, would become pink. When he laughed his spontaneous staccato laugh, it would end in a cough.

Mr. Kellmurray picked only a few pieces for us to study intensely. His favorite was Shakespeare's Hamlet, and he devoted weeks to it. If students were having a hard time with a section, he'd bring the book to his face, and recite as an actor would, so that the words made sense. It was these sessions that created the Kellmurray legend... Everyone in his class eventually understood that he'd memorized the entire play. A few times when he recited, he'd enter a reverie, dropping the pretense of reading, putting the book down while the words flowed on and on, mesmerizing many of us with their beauty. His effort was not wasted. Students who had never cared about Shakespeare caught his enthusiasm.

Back to the McNultys: Tom says, "We moved to Andover in 1943. Our dad was the chemist for Curran & Joyce... We lived in the 'white brick house' at 232 North Main. Our house was the gatekeeper's house for the Joyce Estate and Castle. The area is now known as 'Castle Heights.' None of us ever attended public school until our times at Punchard, and none of us could adjust to the culture shock. That is where Mr. Kellmurray and his understanding nature brought out the best in us, as we all had him for English. He singled us out (as he probably did others), and brought us into the new culture of a less restricted educational environment. I can't tell you enough about how he affected our lives... We beat the heck out of Hamlet for months under his guidance, which shaped my personal 'non-sectarian' view of life."

Mr. McNulty says that on the 18th birthday of each of his children he sent the advice given by Polonius to his son Laertes in Hamlet: "This above all: to thine own self be true. And it must follow, as the night the day, Thou canst not then be false to any man."

Tom adds, "The common thread we had is our 'special' relationship with Mr. Kellmurray, our Mr. Chips! We three were profoundly influenced

by him, each in his own way. He was a source of knowledge, compassion, encouragement and humor, which stays with us as part of our make-up to this day. 'The Kell' was a huge influence on our lives and careers... each becoming more than we could have been due to his brilliance, kindness, thoughtfulness and amusement with our 'diversionary tactics'."

Although I never figured out what the "diversionary tactics" were, each of the McNulty boys had fine careers. Jack, the oldest, enlisted in the US Maritime Service serving in the last year of World War II, and traveled the world the next few years attending "salt water university" as he calls it. Jack credits the writing skills he learned from Mr. Kellmurray as aiding him in his successful career as a trader, sales manager and senior vice president in the steel industry. He lives in Dallas.

Tom, the youngest, graduated from Merrimack College and later became president of Schrafft (off Interstate 93 in Charlestown). He lives in Hudson, N.H.

The middle child became Rear Admiral James F. McNulty. He passed away on Nov. 14 in Florida. You can find his obituary online in the Nov. 23 issue of the *Townsmen* (www.andovertownsmen.com).

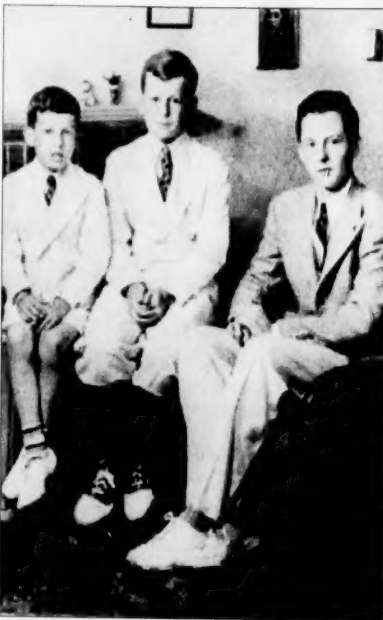
Remembering Jim

Jim McNulty had quit Punchard in his sophomore year, "preferring to work as a mechanic at the Sunoco station on North Main Street because he thought he couldn't hack English and math," according to his brother Jack. Three years later he returned to Punchard and came under Kellmurray's influence in his senior year. He then graduated from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy and later earned advance degrees from Tufts, George Washington, and the University of Rhode Island. He commanded destroyers, was chief of staff at the Naval War College, and served as a speechwriter for Admiral Elmo Zumwalt Jr., chief of naval operations. He had a second career in maritime education, serving as academic dean of Maine Maritime Academy, among many other accomplishments. His widow is Mary (Young) McNulty, originally from Andover.

During the last portion of Admiral McNulty's memorial Mass in Florida, Tom McNulty eulogized about how much Pun-

chard meant to all three boys, and in a note to me, he said, "So, you can see the effect 'Kell' had on Jack/Jim/Tom."

A letter sent out to Admiral McNulty's friends by his daughter Jane McNulty Cook said, "We've all heard the popular saying that people come into your life for a reason, a season or a lifetime, so whether you knew my Dad as a teacher, a colleague, a fellow Naval Officer, a friend, a neighbor, or as just a royal pain in the butt, I trust he touched your lives in memorable ways, and for that, I can only be grateful."



Tom, Jim and Jack McNulty in 1939.

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